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League Resolution Condemns the Soviet TREATIES WERE 'SCRAPS OF PAPER'

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOMEWHERE IN THE VAST EXPANSE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN, THE FIRST NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OF THE WAR BETWEEN TWO WARSHIPS IS RUMOURED TO HAVE BEEN FOUGHT YESTERDAY.

An urgent "United Press" message from Honolulu, received at 8.50 a.m., states that it is reported there that H.M.S. Achilles, Flagship of the New Zealand Station, has engaged the German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

The "United Press" message adds that confirmation of the report is at present lacking. Honolulu is a major U.S. naval base.

BRAWN VERSUS BRAINS?

Such an encounter, if it has taken place, would be one of speed versus power.

The Achilles, a 7,030-ton cruiser of the Leander type, can outspeed the Admiral Scheer by over six knots.

But the Nazi pocket battleship has vastly superior armaments. As compared with the Leander's eight 6-inch and 22 smaller guns, the Admiral Scheer has six 11-inch, eight 5.9-inch and 19 other guns.

Achilles, together with her sister-ship, the Leander, was lent to the New Zealand Government to form a N.Z. Squadron.

She is the flagship of the New Zealand Squadron and, since the outbreak of war, has been actively engaged in hunting for the German raider, persistent reports of whose presence in Pacific waters have been made for the past four weeks.

£1,500,000 CRUISER

The complement of the Achilles is 550 men. The Admiral Scheer, which is a 10,000-ton cruiser of battleship design, carries over 1,000 men and has a cruising range of almost 20,000 miles.

The Achilles was built at a cost of £1,500,000 at the Cammell Laird yards and was launched in 1932. She was commissioned on October 10, 1933. Her speed is 32.5 knots.

The Admiral Scheer was launched at Wilhelmshaven in 1932 and was commissioned on November 12, 1934. Her speed is 26 knots.

There are no indications in the Honolulu reports of the position of the rumoured engagement, but it would presumably be somewhere on the trans-Pacific trade route between the United States and New Zealand and Australia.

COMMUNAL RIOTS

One Dead And 115 Injured

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—One life has been lost as a result of Monday's communal rioting at Jubbulpore, in central India. One hundred and fifteen persons were injured.

A German news agency put out the list of dead as "over one hundred."

Among other wild statements emanating from Zeonon (the Berlin short-wave, broad casting station) are allegations regarding working conditions for women, etc.

Women, said Zeonon, last night, work twelve hours a day in coal mines. In actual fact, women are not permitted to work underground.

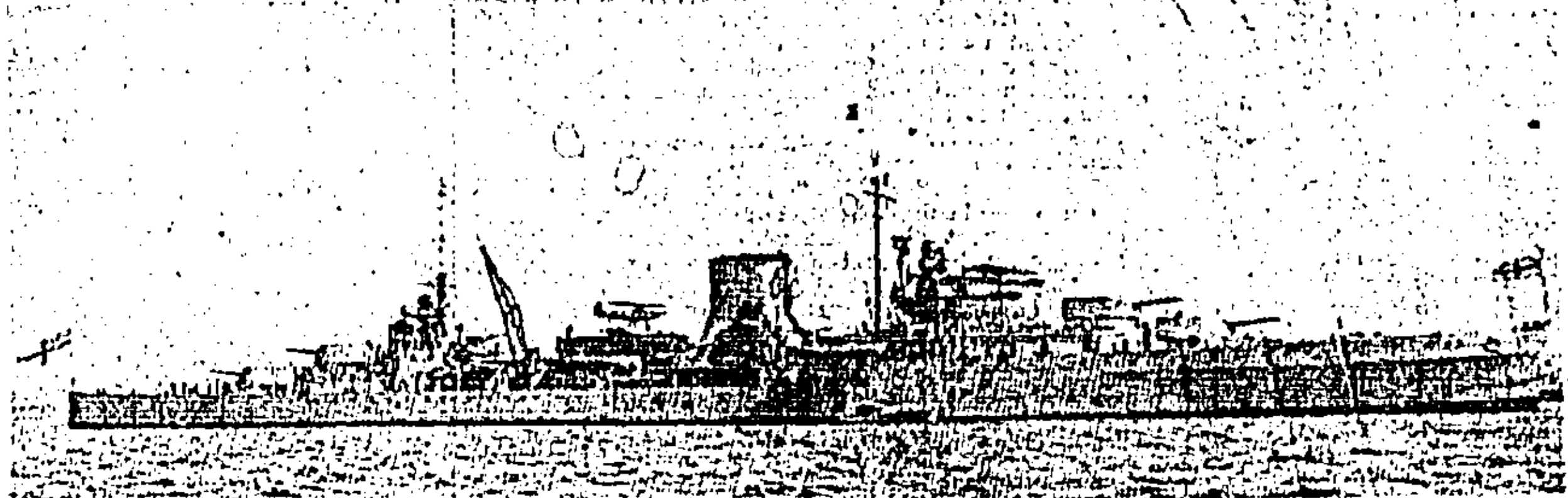
When the war began the combined strength of the Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy in cruisers was 58 ships. A considerable proportion of this strength has since been engaged in the search for the Deutschland and the still more elusive Admiral Scheer.

All the evidence has gone to show that the latter has entered Pacific Ocean waters, presumably to menace Antipodean shipping. The Deutschland is believed to be still in Arctic waters, where she sank the Rawalpindi.

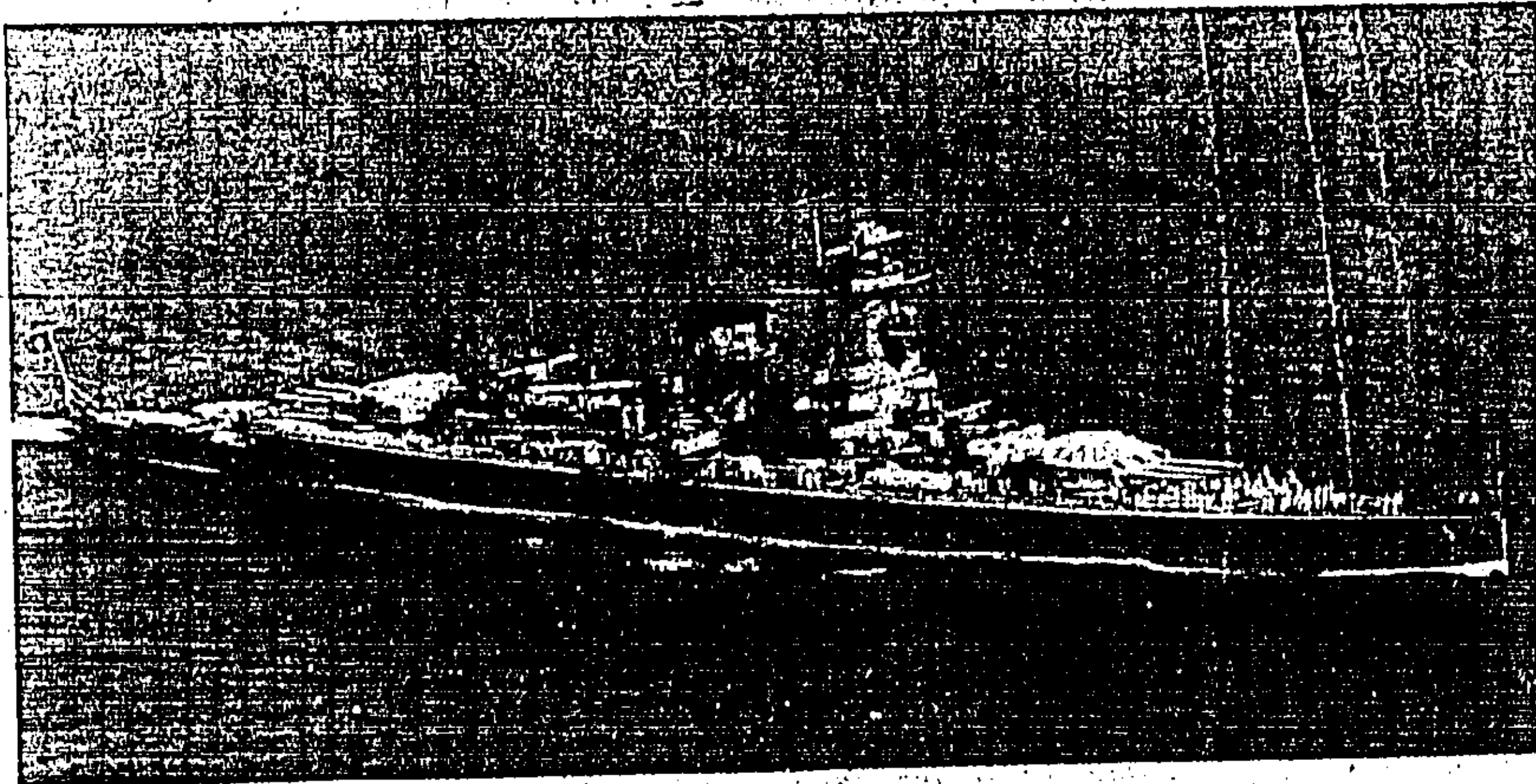
Earlier reports this week stated that British battleships were stationed off Murmansk, attempting to prevent the Deutschland from entering that port.

Mr. Jinnah's Statement

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Jinnah, leader of the All-India Muslim League, who is involved in an acute issue with Gandhi at the moment, today issued a long statement in which he demanded that the Royal Commission should examine the treatment of minorities in India by the Congress Ministers.



H.M.S. ACHILLES



THE POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL SCHEER.

Common Allied 'Empire' To Fight Menace Of Nazi Domination

BLOOD BY PLANE

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A fleet of planes has been specially fitted out to transport blood for transfusion purposes to Army hospitals in France and to any city in the United Kingdom which may suffer casualties during air-raids.

NEUTRALS AND THE BLOCKADE

Benefit From "Go Easy" Slogan

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The concessions which are offered to neutrals under the Order-in-Council providing for the seizure of German exports mean that since the Export Control began on December 5 few cargoes have been definitely classed as seizures.

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The new monetary and economic agreement between Great Britain and France, which in effect pools the resources of the Allies for the duration of the war and until six months afterwards, is welcomed by the British Press as a step that welds the last link in Allied unity.

The "Times": "This agreement, together with other agreements, shows that there is now more than an alliance between the two countries. Measures such as this are the right way to reply to the boasts of Walther Funk, the Nazi Minister of Finance."

The "Daily Telegraph": "There could hardly be stronger proof of the community of performance by Great Britain and France."

The British Press also expresses great satisfaction at the report in the House of Commons yesterday by the Minister for Air Sir Kingsley Wood. The "News-Chronicle", however, points out that we have a long way to go before we can establish that overwhelming superiority over the Nazi air force which is essential for our safety and victory.

ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE

Four Italians Held In Brussels

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Four Italians have been arrested at Liege on charges of espionage.

Three of them are of German origin. They are said to have spread Nazi propaganda and to have asked soldiers who visited the cafe owned by one of them, for information.

A raid on the premises brought to light a map and a pistol.

The paper hopes that Sir Kingsley Wood will be able to give the public more information about Britain's air activity.

"Manchester Guardian" leader points out that in the Anglo-French financial agreement one thing missing from the comprehensive economic agreement of November 17 gives the lie to the German legend that the interests of the Allies are separate and to the propaganda seeking to divide them.

It is worth emphasizing Paragraph PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The resolution which will be submitted to the League to-morrow condemns the action of the Soviet in invading Finland, on the ground that "by its act of aggression against Finland, the Soviet Union has not only failed in its special political agreement with Finland, but has also violated the Pact of Paris and Article XII of the Covenant of the League."

Russia, the resolution adds, has also denounced without justification the Treaty of Non-Aggression concluded in 1932 and which was to have remained in force until the end of 1945.

Referring to the refusal of the Soviet of the League's invitation to come before the Council and Assembly, the resolution says that the Soviet "thereby failed in one of the most essential responsibilities it accepted under the League of Nations for the guarantee of the peace and security of nations, and acted as though the Council and Assembly did not exist as far as Russia is concerned."

The resolution adds: "Soviet Russia has attempted to justify her refusal to come before the Council and Assembly of the League by alleging that relations have been established with a fictitious Finnish Government that is, neither in law nor in fact, not the Government recognised by the population of Finland in the free exercise of their rights."

The resolution will be submitted to the League Assembly to-morrow.

It will most likely be the occasion for an animated discussion, but it is expected that the resolution will be approved without a vote and will then be referred to the League Council.

The Council will meet immediately to take the decision called for. The result of the Council proceedings is a foregone conclusion, but it remains to be seen whether there will be any abstentions when the vote is taken.

By leaving the election of China to the Council to a later meeting, the League has absolved China from the delicate responsibility of taking a stand in the matter.

At a meeting of the Committee of Fourteen to-day, the Norwegian and Swedish delegates stated that they approved the resolution, subject to the confirmation of their respective governments.

Will Stay In League
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GENEVA, Dec. 13. (UP).—Dr. Wellington Koo, China's delegate to the League of Nations, has sent a letter to the Secretary General, M. Avenol, urging the re-election of China to the League Council.

The letter read, in part: "I have the honour to request that if none of the ordinary non-permanent seats are available to China as a member State in the Far-Eastern group, the provisional seat which China occupies at the present time be renewed for another period of three years."

The circumstances in the Far-East have remained unchanged since the creation of the seat.

Assembly To Vote
GENEVA, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Assembly will vote on the expulsion of Russia from the League this evening.

When the Assembly met to-day, the Argentine delegate proposed the expulsion and this proposal was referred to the Finnish Appeal Committee.

The Committee had before it not only the expulsion proposal but also the Russian reply, which arrived the previous night.

Expulsion Expected
The proposal, it goes before the Council. Here, a unanimous vote is necessary before a member State can be expelled.

LATEST

ACHILLES SUNK?

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Reports of a naval battle off the Uruguayan coast are carried in Argentine newspapers, who quote their Buenos Aires correspondents.

The battle is reported to have been between the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Scheer and four British cruisers.

H.M.S. Achilles is reported to have been sunk in the encounter. There is, yet no confirmation from official circles.

The presence of the Admiral Scheer in Pacific waters has been definitely established by the arrival in Buenos Aires of the O.S.K. liner Buenos Aires Maru, whose captain reported passing the Nazi pocket battleship just before entering the Rio de la Plata estuary.

It will be recalled that the Admiralty recently hinted that three cruisers of the East India Station, the Ajax, Exeter and the Achilles, were in the south Atlantic searching for the Admiral Scheer.

In London the Admiralty say they have no knowledge of the naval encounter, but no full denial of the reports has yet been issued.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1889.
The International Conference on Slavery, now sitting in Brussels, has discussed a proposal for the establishment of a force in the interior of Africa with sufficient force to overcome the slave hunters.

A despatch from Stanley has been published in which he states he has discovered that Lake Victoria Nyanza extends to within one hundred and fifty miles of Tanganyika, and that the length of the Victoria Nyanza is two hundred and seventy miles, and that it covers an area of twenty-seven thousand square miles.

Carlos I, the new King of Portugal, is said to have a variety of tastes. He likes military affairs, is an art critic and a good Latin scholar.

The Russian ukase forbidding female telegraphists from entering any office except male telegraphists has been revoked, and now they may marry "any man of respectability" after having obtained official permission.

A good deal of powder has been wasted in the harbour to-day saluting something or somebody or nobody—but anyhow blowing away the smoke and making a pretty row about nothing. A local ordinance prohibiting this idle practice in Hongkong harbour would make the reputation of any one of our unofficial legislators.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1914.
The German Press reports that the national Liberal leader, Herr Hanser, in a speech to the members of his party in the Reichstag, made a definite admission that Germany intends to hold permanently the country which she has occupied. "Let us hold fast to that which we have won," he said, "and over and above that acquire all that we need. By bloody war to splendour victory—that is the motto of this great time."

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1929.
M. Karakhan, the acting Foreign Commissioner at Moscow, arrived in Constantinople today on board a Soviet gunboat and proceeded to Angora as the guest of the Turkish Government. Recent Russo-Turkish coolness has disappeared as the result of the mutual trading agreement concluded at the end of last month, and the visit of M. Karakhan is believed to be for the purpose of further cementing the improved relations.

Once again has Canton repulsed an enemy almost at its doors. The Ionides have been beaten back at every point, and they are retiring rapidly, probably until they are able to reorganise. Further confirmation of their defeat on Tuesday night is available while it is certain that the Kwangai troops on the West River are also withdrawing.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1934.
It is learned on the best authority that Mrs. Mary Pickford Fairbanks will divorce her husband, Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., before the end of the year.

A.R.P. ORDERS NO 13 Instructions by Director For Coming Week

A.R.P. Orders by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Pedder, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Training
A.R.P. Examinations—Examinations for Air Raid Wardens and Air Raid Warden Instructors will be held at the Club, Lushington and Wah Yan College at 5.45 p.m. on the following dates:
December 21, General Warden and Instructor Paper Part I; December 28, Instructor Paper Part II; December 29, Instructor Paper Part III.

Any candidates, other than those already detailed, wishing to take these examinations should send their names to the Director of Air Raid Precautions, A.R.P. Department.

A.R.P. Lectures—In Chinese, Yau-mat Government School, Nathan Road, Kowloon, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. commencing December 22. Lecturer, Mr. Lo Wai-man, L.A.R.P.S. Chinese Chamber of Commerce, 63 Connaught Road, Central, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Lecturer, Mr. Fung Yau-ling, L.A.R.P.S.

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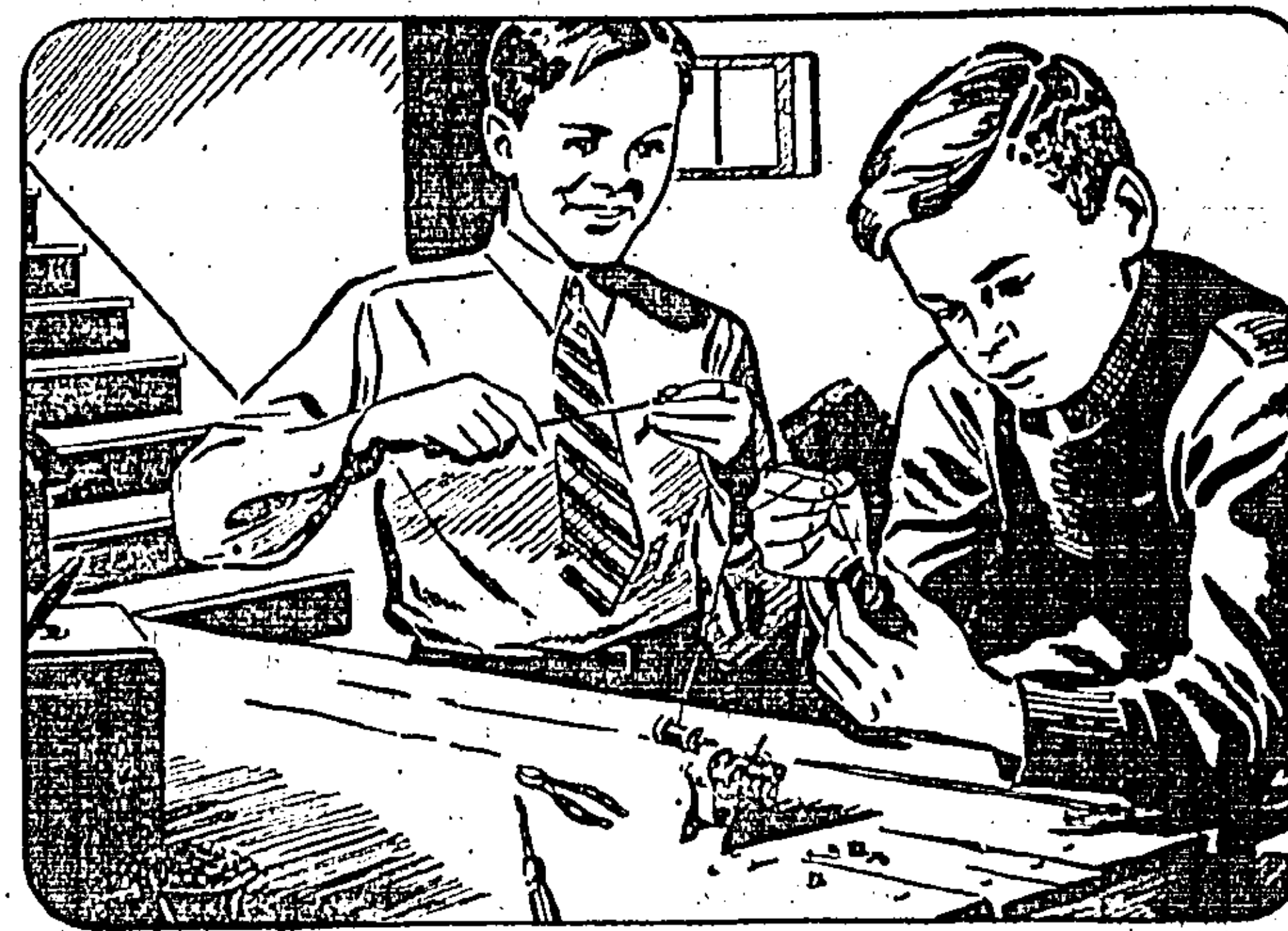
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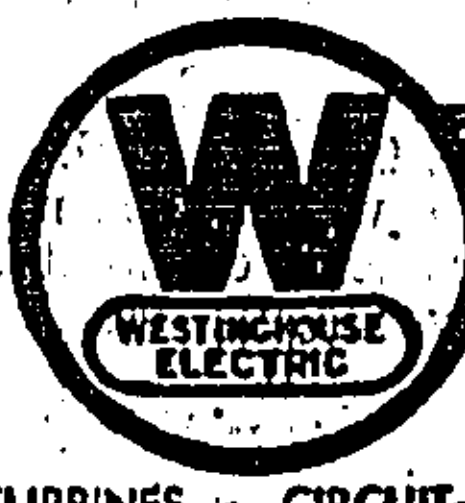
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Airman Could Not Marry Vicar Said "I Refuse"

SEVENTEEN-YEARS-OLD MISS PEGGY DEEKS, OF STAINES-ROAD, ASHFORD, MIDDLESEX, HAS BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO MARRY IN THE PARISH CHURCH BY THE VICAR, THE REV. ERNEST STREETE, BECAUSE SHE HAD NOT BEEN BAPTISED IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Her fiancé, 21-years-old Aircraftman Alfred Miles, cannot now be married before he goes abroad. They have had to postpone their wedding until he can get 24 hours' leave. "My mother went to see Mr. Streete," Miss Deeks said, "and he flatly refused to consider marrying us unless I was baptised. "Alfred is already baptised in the Church of England, and the vicar offered to baptise me straight away. "But I felt so insulted that I refused. Now we shall try to be married at some other church, and, if nobody will do that, we shall go to a Register Office.

"I felt just as though he had told me I was not a fit person to be married in the Church of England. My family are Baptists, and we are baptised according to our own rites, but that was not enough for Mr. Streete."

Why He Refused

Mr. Streete said: "I refuse to marry any couple unless they prove that they have been baptised according to the rites of the Church."

The printed form issued to intending brides applying at Ashford Vicarage states:

"No marriage will be solemnised unless both parties are baptised. Marriage in a Register Office meets the case of unbaptised persons."

German Navy Plans Base in The Pacific

ROTTERDAM.

THE German Admiralty is preparing plans, in conjunction with Japanese naval officers, to use the Caroline Islands as a base for German raiders in the Pacific, it is learned from Berlin.

Plans have not yet received the approval of Tokyo, and, in view of the attitude of Japan to the Russo-German agreement, the idea may not receive the welcome which Germans and their Japanese friends in Berlin expect.

The Carolines, once German, have

HOFFMAN Took This

typical propaganda picture of Hitler as "the Friend of the Children." It was his special job to present the Fuehrer in the most favourable light.



been administered by Japan under League mandate. The projected German-Japanese understanding does not contemplate any change in their national status, but only that German warships may take advantage of their facilities. The islands were used at the outbreak of the last war as a base by Admiral Von Spee.

In this man's name, Hitler's personal photographer, he was promoted to organise a picture propaganda department for all Nazi Germany.



Three In a Plots Year

CONFIRMATION of reports of an ever-growing spirit of revolt and anti-Nazi unrest in Germany, even among Hitler's trusted Black Guards and Gestapo (secret police), is given by the Swedish Press, which reveals that two plots against Hitler's life were discovered prior to the recent Munich beer cellar explosion.

At a meeting of the German Supreme Defence Council recently, presided over by Field-Marshal Goering, it is stated, the Nazi provincial governors complained of increasing dissatisfaction among young Nazis and passive resistance by workers, and they took a serious view of the growing influence of the anti-Hitler Black Front led by Herr Otto Strasser. That the Nazi leaders fear a revolution is suggested by reports that several of them, including Himmler, the Gestapo chief, have sent their wives abroad.

The first plot against Hitler occurred in January, when 70 arrests were made, according to the Swedish newspapers, Göteborgs Tidningen and Göteborgs Handels-och Sjöfartstidning, says Paris Radio.

The second anti-Hitler plot was discovered at the end of August and among 100 persons who were arrested were Hitler's trusted Black Guards, Brown Shirts and members of the Hitler youth.

Many members of the Nazi Storm Troops and Gestapo have been charged with treason in recent weeks, it is stated, and a number of mysterious clashes among S.S. men is said to have led to several murders and suicides.

The Daily Mail quotes the Rome radio as reporting that Frau Himmler distributed flowers to injured soldiers in Italy.

The secret anti-Nazi German Freedom Station declares that the wives of several other Nazi leaders have left Germany.

Frau von Ribbentrop, wife of the German Foreign Minister, has left for Brazil.

Frau Goering, wife of the Nazi Air Minister and Hitler's successor No. 1, and Frau Goebbels, wife of the German Propaganda Minister, have gone to Switzerland; Baroness von Neurath, wife of the Nazi Protector of Bohemia and Moravia, has also left the Reich.

Universities -by Lord Nuffield

LORD NUFFIELD, who has given £3,911,000 to universities and Oxford colleges, said recently that he would not send a son to a university—If he were going to become a production engineer.

Lord Nuffield is the retiring president of the Institution of Production Engineers. At a luncheon of the institution in London he said he could not understand the suggestion that a university education was necessary to produce those qualifications needed by the Government at the moment.

TO PUBLIC SCHOOL

"As I see things," he said, "the only way for a production engineer to get his qualifications is through hard experience in business and the shops."

"Much as I think of a university education, I cannot see how that can be obtained in a university."

"I had no teaching as a production engineer. I started myself at the age of 15, and I had from that time onwards to glean what I could to carry on business."

"If I had a son I would send him to a public school, and if he were going into any of the professions, a university education would be absolutely essential."

"But if he were going to become a production engineer, definitely not."

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12.30 Military Band Concert including the Aldershot Tattoo, 1936. Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, All Hands, Americana.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Miliza Korjus (Soprano) and De Grout and His Orchestra—"Samson and Delilah" Selection, "Louise" Selection, Funiculi-Funicula, Evening Song, Desert Song, Waltz, Invitation to the Dance, Chanson Bohemienne, Destiny.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 London Piano-Accordion Band and Sam Browne (Vocal)—One Night in Monte Carlo, There'll Never Be Another You, I'm Sittin' High On A Hill Top, My Shadow's Where My Sweetheart Used to be, Roll Along Prairie Moon, Girl With Dreamy Eyes, My Dance, Easter Parade, Dancing With My Shadow, She Wore a Little Jacket of Blue, Rhythm in My Nursery Rhymes, The Star and The Rose, Hawaiian Paradise, Dream Time.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Some Welsh Songs—The Frailty of Life, The Blacksmith's Song, William Edwards, The little thatched cottage, David of the White Rock, Lella Megane.

6.58 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.0 Half an hour of Dance Music. "I'd Like to See Samson of Samson, London, Troubadour, Say The Word and It's Yours, When The Leaves Bid The Trees Goodbye, Bugle Call Rag, Tiger Rag, Star Dust Covered Bundle, Twilight, Jingle Bells, You Were There."

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Glazounow—Stenka Razin. —Orchestra of the Brussels Royal Conservatoire.

8.17 Studio—A Bach and Elgar Programme by Peter Gracy (Piano).

8.45 Studio—Talk on "An Englishman's Impressions of Chungking."

9.05 Songs by Keith Falkner (Baritone)—A Song Doesn't Care, Without The Moon, San Diego Betty.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 B.B.C. Recording—"Victorian Melodies"—Musical Sequence of Old Favourites. Produced and conducted by Stanford Robinson.

10.30 London Relay—"The Maginot Line"—A feature programme of troops on the Western Front.

11.0 London Relay—"Background to News"

11.15 Close down.

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J. T. BAGRAM,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1939.

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9 which states that the two governments will share certain items of expenditure.

"The contribution of the two governments is fixed on a basis to take due account of the national wealth of each.

"In general the French contribution is 40 per cent. and the British 60 per cent. of the total."

The intimate co-operation of the Allied Governments is supplemented by the close bonds of organised labour as illustrated by the first meeting in Paris to-morrow of the Joint Anglo-French Trade Union Council, representing 10,000,000 Allied workers.

Repatriation Of Capital
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Dec. 13.—The "Official Journal" has published a modification of the decree covering French bank accounts and financial holdings abroad. Originally all French citizens abroad were required to declare such holdings by December 1. The time has now been extended to January 15, 1940.

The Ministry of Finance explained the move was caused by a fear the premature closing date would interrupt a heavy return of capital to France. Most of this capital could not be seized without a long, difficult process of checking accounts and instituting legal proceedings.

A joint report by Premier Daladier and Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, to President Lebrun recently stated that the repatriation of capital since September 10 has grown so greatly that reserves have enabled the country to meet all foreign expenditures of the government thus far in the war.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the optional of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 410.	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 300, To Kwa Wan.	N. S. E. W.	5,000	\$22	\$3,750
			As per sale plan.	About 5,000	\$22	\$3,750

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2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2146.	South West of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 285, near Diamond Hill.	N. S. E. W.	26,100	\$160	\$2,910
			As per sale plan.	About 26,100	\$160	\$2,910

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

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			As per sale plan.	About 27,500	\$54	\$1,575

Nazi Finance Setback

Capital Reserves Now Nearly Exhausted

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that the "Economist" draws attention to the vast increase in private capital issues in Germany since the outbreak of war.

The total industrial capital issues since the end of August considerably exceed 600,000,000 marks for railways whereas in the whole of 1938, private industrial issues only amounted to 107,000,000 marks.

The "Economist" comments that these developments are very important, showing

Exhausted Reserves

1.—That the existing reserve capacity of German industry is almost exhausted, especially that of the electricity industry, railway and rolling stock. Renewals, replacements and extensions are so long delayed that it is now unavoidable to divert extensive resources to the large scale capital works.

2.—That the controlled policy of direct State financing of necessary industrial projects has been abandoned.

Nazi extremists are thus defeated and the capital of the market is freed for private industrialists.

THE BREMEN

SUBMARINE APPLAUDED

Nazi Liner's Escape Aided By Law

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—No official information is yet available as to whether an attempt was made by the British submarine to take the Bremen as a prize.

The German version is that the submarine attempted to attack.

Lord Strabolgi, formerly Lieut. Commander, Kenworthy, who was in the Admiralty Staff in the last war, upholds the action of the submarine commander in not torpedoing the Bremen.

"We are fighting this war to ensure international law. If there were German aeroplanes in the vicinity, the submarine could not come to the surface and she was precluded by international law from torpedoing the Bremen out of hand while submerged."

"This shows that as commerce controllers, submarines are unsuitable unless established international law is disregarded."

"The Bremen, however, is of no more use to Germany in a German harbour than she was at Murmansk."

"She is too large to arm as a cruiser, too expensive in fuel and too large to act as a transport."

Lord Strabolgi added that the Bremen had much in her favour in eluding British warships because of the long nights and the possibility of using Norwegian territorial waters.

Another Ship Escapes

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Norddeutscher Lloyd announces the safe arrival of the liner Bremen at Bremerhaven, and it is claimed that another German liner, New York, has reached Hamburg from Murmansk.

Successful Convoying

Achievements Of The British System

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Authoritative circles in London emphasise the efficiency and wide extent of the British convoy system, which gives the protection of powerful units of the British Navy to neutral merchant vessels trading with Britain.

The safe arrival of hundreds of convoyed vessels does not constitute news, precisely because it is not sensational evidence of the strength of the British Navy, but only the normal process of international trade.

Absurd Assertion

The recent sinkings of British and neutral vessels, on the contrary, are of sensational news value used by German propaganda in an attempt to prove that the convoy system is not safe for neutrals, whereas neutral ship-owners, whose ships arrive safely week after week, know this assertion to be absurd.

Neutrals charter their ships to the British Government to travel in convoy because it is easier for German submarines to torpedo unaccompanied ships than to attack a convoy and risking depth charges from the escorting vessels.

PLANES TO "SPOT" MINES

Security Patrols Over North Sea

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A German communique reports the presence of British planes over Germany as being in connection with the return of the Bremen.

The Nazis have obviously confused this with the security patrols now being maintained over Germany in connection with the aeroplane-minelayers.

The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. have been carrying out these security patrols not only over Heligoland but also over the bases from which these planes set out, notably the islands of Sylt and Borkum.

The planes have encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire but nevertheless the performance of the operations has been successful.

Swedish Ship Sinking

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Swedish steamer, Algol, 980 tons, struck a mine near the German minefield off the south Swedish coast. Swedish warships are rushing to her aid.

Anglo-Soviet Parleys

White Paper To Tell The Real Facts

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Britain is preparing a White Paper showing the course of the abortive negotiations with the Soviet Government.

This revelation was made in the House of Commons to-day by the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

"The White Paper is being prepared by Lord Halifax, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, under whose

Nazi Wheat Rotting

New Food Problem Presents Itself

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The "Daily Telegraph's" Trieste correspondent reports that the effects of the blockade and the Russian failure to deliver even one-fiftieth of the grain supplies promised have compelled Germany to resort to her grain reserves earlier than expected.

The stocks stored in churches, synagogues and emergency warehouses are found to be in a very bad condition.

The depots at Hamburg, Berlin and Nuremberg are so bad that an investigation has been ordered throughout the country.

10% Of Stocks Affected

It is revealed that 10 per cent. of the emergency stocks are affected.

All the grain has been stored more than six months. Therefore it is being hoarded out before it becomes wholly unfit for consumption.

Hence the recession of the Government order that bread must contain a minimum three per cent. of potato and flour.

The German public, however, is being told that the extra supplies are due to the fact that the warehouses are overflowing.

WESTERN FRONT

ARTILLERY EXCHANGE

Sudden Activity In Several Areas

PARIS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—After a spell of comparative calm, the Western Front has suddenly become very active, although the activity has not yet gone beyond the stage technically known as "strong patrols."

The Germans sent out numerous patrols along nearly the whole front on Monday, and these were especially busy east of the Moselle and between the Warndt Forest and the Saar.

In the latter region, where German patrols were most numerous, there were no less than three raids accompanied by the usual artillery.

Fire was aimed to demoralise the posts attacked and to prevent the arrival of reinforcements.

The French artillery replied with artillery fire, hampering the attackers.

One French patrol withdrew but re-occupied the post at dawn yesterday, so the net German result is nil.

Other posts resisted, and there was heavy local fighting with much hand-grenade throwing.

The French protected their posts with artillery barrages and machine-gun fire, and the German eventually were obliged to retire, leaving many dead on the field.

Initiative the negotiations were conducted.

"The White Paper is now in preparation," Mr. Chamberlain said. "This necessarily will take some time but the Paper will be laid before the House as soon as possible."

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Manila	Dec. 15
Shanghai	Dec. 15
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 9th Dec.	Dec. 17
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Haliphong	Dec. 17
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 5th Dec.	Dec. 18
Japan and Shanghai	Dec. 18
Shanghai	Dec. 18
Straits and Manila	Dec. 18
Strait	Dec. 18
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 13th Dec.	Dec. 20
Amoy	Dec. 20
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Straits	Dec. 20
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Shanghai	Dec. 22
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Japan	Dec. 22
Japan and Shanghai	Dec. 22
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Shanghai and Amoy	Dec. 24
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London and Straits	Dec. 26
Manila	Dec. 26
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OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, Dec. 14	
Fort Bayard and Hollow	1.30 p.m.
Haliphong	2.00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16	
Canton	7.15 a.m.
Salgon	10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Dec. 16, Noon.
Letters	Dec. 16, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central & South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 6th January 1940.	G.P.O. and K.F.O.
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Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17	
Amoy	9 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 18	
Shanghai	8.30 a.m.
Salgon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th January 1940.	G.P.O. and K.F.O.
Reg.	Dec. 18, 8.45 a.m.
Ord.	Dec. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19	
Fort Bayard and Hollow	1.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th January 1940.	G.P.O. and K.F.O.
Reg.	Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 18, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th Dec.	G.P.O. and K.F.O.
Reg.	Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 18, 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 20	
Shanghai and Straits only for Tientsin	10.30 a.m.
Haliphong (Parcels only)	1 p.m.
Haliphong	2 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 25th Dec.	K.F.O.
Reg.	Dec. 20, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 20, 5.30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21	
Reg.	Dec. 20, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 20, 5.30 p.m.

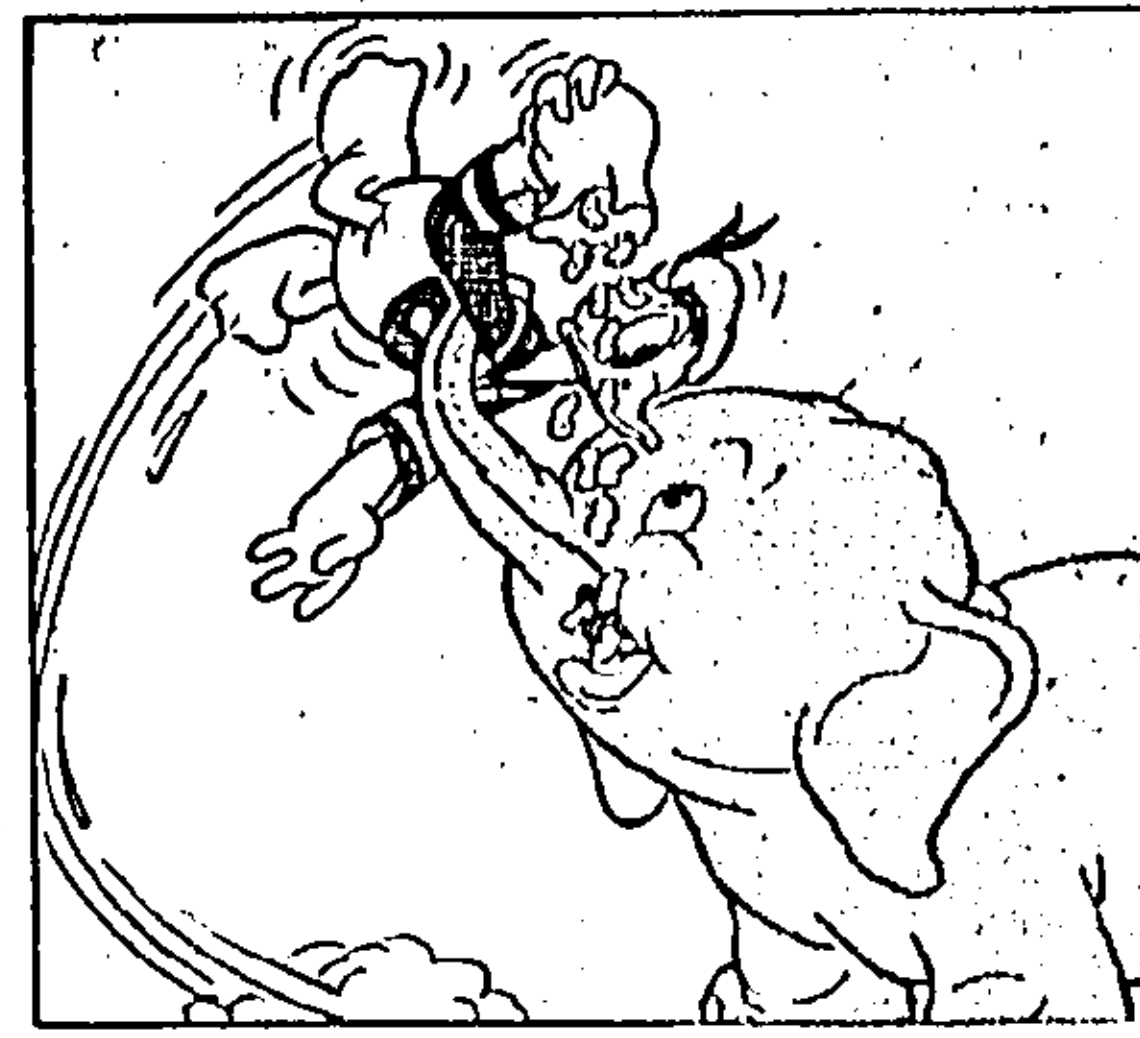
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War On Finland

It has only needed the League of Nations to complete the history of one of the most remarkable volte faces in history—the swing from all the pretty, fine ideas about resistance to aggression which Russia had for some years championed—and complained that we others did not sufficiently support.

The pact with Germany and the quickly succeeding invasion is naked expediency regardless of all right and wrong. Germany's war is Russia's opportunity. Russia desires Finnish territory for her own purposes. Therefore Finland's independence and integrity must be destroyed; she must be ruthlessly invaded; shells and bombs must be dropped on her peaceful towns. Thus the new Russia demonstrates the principles of her policy towards the small countries, towards the rules of international law and honest dealing, "with particular force."

Russia desires to secure herself against attack both on the Black Sea front and in the Baltic. She says that she fears for Leningrad; she is determined to make herself mistress, as indeed she is already, of the Gulf of Finland and hence of the whole Eastern Baltic. For this purpose she forced concessions from the Baltic States, which control the southern approaches to the Gulf. In the process, however, smooth her words, she broke their independence; they are without powerful friends, they are completely at her mercy. Finland was of tougher stuff. Throughout the long negotiations that ended a few weeks ago she was conciliatory but firm. On some things she would yield but she would surrender nothing that could be used to destroy her independent life; she would not concede a base on her own mainland nor abandon the fortified positions opposite Leningrad on which her own defence depends. Therefore Russia, having determined to get her way even at the cost of war, has during the last ten days sought to make out a "case" against the victim. The model was Nazi, the imitation poor. The Finnish people number three and a half millions, which is about the size of Leningrad; the Russians are more than 150,000,000. But the Finns, it seems, were plotting to make war on mighty Russia. What is more, they were brutally attacking the Russian Army along the frontier. Nor did the Finnish lamb show its teeth out of the mere viciousness innate in the species, though that would have been bad enough. It had surrendered itself to the evil promptings of "Imperialist" Britain, and everywhere that Britain went the lamb was sure to go. This being the official nursery tale, all the attempts of Finland to offer peaceful measures were rejected out of hand. The frontier disputes could have been investigated, arbitration could have been invoked, Finland offered both and was refused. The United States was ready to mediate and said so; that escape also from the brutality of war was rejected at Moscow. History does not contain a clearer case of "unprovoked aggression."

The King IS 44 To-day

HERE IS HIS BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE:

King George the Sixth was born at five past three in the morning on December 14, 1895. Libra was rising in his birth chart, giving him an even temperament, a strong sense of justice, and a well-balanced mind.

At his birth Jupiter, his ruling planet, was on the meridian, a very fortunate augury for people born at that time.

Sagittarians (and the King appears to be a typical subject) are independent people, instinctively on the side of the down-trodden and oppressed, and they can be very outspoken too when their feelings are roused.

The sun and Mercury in the King's sign bestow a democratic and philanthropic outlook.

The 5th A. A. Has Its Baptism

"ACTION . . . PLANE . . . Height control," roars the G.P.O., pointing to the sky. "Height-finder on target." "Predictor on target." "Height nine-five hundred." "Height nine-five hundred set."

"Vertical steady . . . Laternal steady." "FIRE!" "Fuze one-six." And in seven or eight seconds the first shell is on its way to meet the oncoming plane; the whole taking hardly more time than it takes to read these words.

THE 5th A.A. Battery of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps went into Camp at Shek-O on December 2, and stayed for one week, but in that short period proved their worth beyond even the expectations of their most enthusiastic Battery Commander.

As one of the gunners of the Battery, it is difficult to write of this Camp without opening myself to an accusation of self-praise, but this can be scouted at the outset when I say that in A.A. Gunnery an individual is useless as an individual for ensuring the efficiency of his Section, for this is dependent mainly on team-work.

Each of the thirty-odd men who compose the Section is working in conjunction with and is dependent on the collective action of the others. An error by one nullifies the work of the others, and the results are shown in the sky.

WE were "paper" gunners who went to Shek-O on December 2. Most of our training had been on imaginary targets with imaginary shells.

It was impossible to foretell how we would show up in a baptism of fire.

Our first test came on Tuesday, the day on which His Excellency the Governor paid us a visit.

At 10.30 a.m., a silvery speck appeared in the sky (a plane from the Far East Flying Training School, whose members, together with the Volunteer Air Arm, have been so helpful in flying for us).

The Regulars' unit from the 7th A.A. Battery, R.A. opened up with Short Burst Ammunition to inure the recruits to the sharp crack and behaviour of the guns. This S.B. ammo. does what its name implies, and bursts half-way, or thereabouts, between the target and the guns. The plane is safe, but the bursts in the sky reveal accuracy.

It was our first time of firing, and it was well done.

THE real test, however, was during the afternoon, when full charge shells were

used on a "sleeve" towed by an R.A.F. plane. We were, in a way, fortunate in the weather, for it was bright and warm, but the cloudless sky did not make it easier for the "spotting" of the target.

The Regulars again fired first. With our ears wadded with cotton wool, the first almost splitting crack of the real stuff distinctly shook us. Flame and cordite smoke erupted from the muzzle for about three yards. The ground heaved slightly (we were on sand), the report made our eyes blink, and the wave of air from the explosion all but rocked us on our feet.

The worst, however, was over. Succeeding reports grew proportionately less alarming, until by the time for our turn at the guns, all signs of flinching were gone.

I am one of the Predictor detachment myself, and am stationed some twenty yards to the rear of the guns. At that moment I entertained a sympathetic regard and a certain admiration for the Gunners who were to sit on the guns and actually send those shells to their destination. But, I was later informed that my sympathy was wasted, for the concussion of the earth and the waves of air were not felt by the Gun numbers, while the explosion was hardly greater when twenty yards nearer the gun.

With an eye glued to the Predictor telescope, and trained on the "sleeve", I was in the fortunate position of being able to watch our bursts in the sky. Though it may be distinctly uncomfortable for the men in flev over with only navigation the aeroplane, there is little that can equal the satisfactory feel-spot and follow with the telescope there is attached to seeing

those puffs of white smoke appearing within effective area of the target.

In the concentration of our tasks, most of us were able to semi-disregard the disconcerting noises issuing from the guns.

RESULTS. Ours were just as satisfactory as those of the Regulars' section.

But better was to come! We were more than eager for our second "go" on Wednesday, and we showed an improvement on the previous day's firing. The G.O.C., His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, was present, and his words of praise at the end of the day gave us a pardonable glow. But most pleasant of all were the congratulations of our R.A. instructors. They had put in a lot of extra time into our training, and it was most gratifying to feel that we had not let them down.

We were unable to wangle drinks out of our officers that evening, but we know that their satisfaction was equal to our own.

SO much for the day shooting. Our first essay at night firing was not so successful, but it was not discouraging. The atmosphere was heavy and damp, and the searchlight beams were like columns of solid white stone. At the junction of the beams was a tiny dot which was the plane.

Actually, when the plane first flew over with only navigation lights showing, it was easier to spot and follow with the telescope than it was with the day shooting.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Do you plead not guilty to assault and battery, or do you care to boast?"

LONDON DIARY

Air Mail News From Home

DR. F. W. ROUTLEY, Canada's Red Cross Commissioner, arrived in London last night from Toronto with his wife.

He has come to discuss the arrangements for the Canadian Red Cross organisation in England with Mr. R. B. Bennett, who recently undertook its chairmanship.

Mr. Bennett is now working in his offices in the Savoy, but his organisation is still in a skeleton stage. It is not likely to get much further until the Canadian Forces actually come over here in several months' time.

Plans, however, have now been completed for the large one-storey hospital which the Canadians are to build on a ten-acre site presented by Lord Astor at Cliveden.

Managing The Party

THE American broadcaster says that the Premier sees Captain Margesson, the Government Chief Whip, every morning at 11 o'clock. They discuss the management of the Conservative Party.

I should say myself that Mr. Chamberlain has more serious matters to dispose of at 11 a.m. than the behaviour of his faithful followers.

The Conservative Party have never been easier to handle than at this moment.

Visiting War Zone

MR. GILBERT MILLER is one of the privileged Americans who are given permission by their Government to visit the "belligerent zone" of England.

The reason is that he has theatrical interests to look after.

Mr. Miller has been here for ten days and is leaving to-day for New York. He refuses to allow the war to interfere with his business planning. And he proposes to return to London as soon as possible after the New Year.

Indeed, his interests in London began in war-time. For the first play he put on here was "Daddy Long-Legs," in 1916.

In Italy Now

He came to England this time by way of Genoa and Rome. He found Italy determined in her neutrality. But there was at the same time strong friendship for England and comparatively little for Germany.

To one porter he said: "The last time I was here the Fuehrer was visiting Rome."

"Our great friend," said the porter—and spat expressively on the ground.

Big Debate

THE House of Lords is expecting a busy first week of the new session.

On Wednesday Lord Addison is drawing attention to unnecessary interferences by Government departments with the lives and businesses of individuals. His motion is expected to lead to the first important Lords debate of the war. It may last two days.

When Parliament is opened on Tuesday the Address will be moved by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cork and seconded by Field Marshal Lord Milne.

In the first Parliamentary session of the last war it was the Junior, not the senior service which enjoyed this honour. The Address was moved by Field-marshal Lord Methuen, and seconded by Lord Bryce.

Lord Cork does not often find time to attend the Lords debates, but he was in his place this week, a stern, ginger-headed figure in naval uniform, when the Government statement was made on the reprisals against German mine-laying.

Private Ingo

DR. INGE'S views on war are vigorously pacifist. He believed in 1914 that we should have remained neutral.

He maintains now that this war is a mistake, and can only open the way for Communism.

All his family, however, do not share his views. And his opinions do not interfere at all with his pride in being the father of Private Edward Inge.

Mr. Edward Inge returned home from the Sudan to enlist, having obtained leave from his plantation syndicate with considerable difficulty. And he is now in the Royal Army Service Corps.

Enjoyment

After 15 years of devoted attention from native servants, Mr. Inge might be expected to take little pleasure in the tasks of washing up and scrubbing floors. Yet, it is said, he has declared that he has never been so happy.

Dr. Inge has two other sons and a daughter. The eldest son is with the Burmah Shell Oil Company, and works in Bombay. He is an expert almanac, but is not allowed to enlist.

The third son is a curate in a large parish near Leeds, and Miss Inge is a hospital nurse.

OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGEMore and More
"Cock-Eyed"

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The British Admiralty story makes the cock-eyed war seem somewhat more cock-eyed, writes the "New York Daily News" on the escape of the German liner Bremen.

The paper adds that the Bremen will be sent out to feed the Deutschland, Admiral Scheer and other German raiders.

The Admiralty will most likely wonder if it was worth while a military advantage or propaganda to treat the Bremen with such courtesy.

NEW PHASE
IN AERIAL
WARFARE

London, Dec. 13.

The Air Ministry has announced, "The Royal Air Force patrols were continuously maintained last night over the German mine layer aircraft bases and the Heligoland Bight."

This is authoritatively interpreted to mean that the patrols repeatedly flew over the Heligoland Bight, ready to attack any enemy planes which might be encountered.

The patrols apparently are the reason for the cessation of the Bremen and Hamburg radio stations' programmes. The stations suddenly faded out in the midst of an English broadcast at about 8.20 p.m. They did not resume until the early hours of the morning.—United Press.

Continual R.A.F. Patrol

London, Dec. 13.

A new Royal Air Force technique is reflected in a reference by the Air Ministry to "security patrols."

With planes flying high so as to escape detection, it is hoped that this new method will enable the R.A.F. to know immediately when enemy aircraft take off from their bases.

One of the greatest difficulties in combating enemy aircraft raids during the night is the almost physical impossibility of tracing them over the wide expanse of the ocean.

For some time the R.A.F. with an abundant supply of long range aircraft have been carrying out continuous patrols over the North Sea and the whole length of the east and north-east coasts.

It is understood that the patrols are an entirely new R.A.F. unit and are directed against enemy minelaying aircraft and bases.—Reuter.

BRITISH WARSHIPS
TO BE WITHDRAWN

Shanghai, Dec. 13.

Three more British gunboats will be withdrawn from Yangtze, according to an official announcement by the naval office.

The reduction will take effect at an early date. Recently His Majesty's Government decided that the present conditions on the Yangtze did not justify the retention of ten gunboats between Shanghai and Hankow when military requirements elsewhere were more urgent and a considerable number of trained officers and men could be more usefully employed.

CHINA'S
WAR GAINMuch Done Towards
Unification

London, Dec. 13.

Speaking at a luncheon of the China Committee, Mr. R. H. Tawney, Professor of Economic History at the University of London, said that despite the economic and human life losses, the war has done something for a solution of the problems with which the Chinese Government was faced.

It has done more for a practical unification of the country in two years than was accomplished in the previous 20 years, while the fact that the Government was forced to remove to West China made the Chinese aware of the rich mineral and agricultural resources of those districts.

China's permanent problem was not that of the industrial worker but the peasant cultivator. It seemed that his lot has become worse during the past two generations. So long as his present condition remained, China would continue to crumble from the bottom. The peasant cultivator suffered from floods, his methods were pre-historic, and he was shamelessly exploited by the middleman, moneylender and tax collector.

Mr. Tawney did not think it desirable that China's development should proceed on American or German industrial lines. Her right lines was rather on French lines and concentrating on peasant welfare. Her main job after the war will be to organise economic and political systems and at the same time maintaining her own admirable native virtues.—Reuter Special.

EXPULSION OF SOVIET
IS RECOMMENDEDArgentine Forcing The
League To Take Stand

The League Committee of Thirteen has adopted a resolution, which will be placed before the League Council, that the Soviet Union be expelled from the League of Nations.

The Argentine, apparently backed up by other South American Republics, has made a demand that should the League not invoke Article 16, which provides for expulsion, she will no longer consider herself a member.

The Soviet is entitled to attend the Council meeting at which her expulsion will be decided, but she is not expected to do so.

Meanwhile Finland has been elected a member of the Council, the Soviet already being a member.

The Soviet reply to the League's conciliation proposals arrived in Geneva an hour and a half after the time limit set. It declined the invitation and stated, in effect, that the Soviet could deal only with the newly established "Terijoki Administration" which the Communists set up in Finland after hostilities broke out.

Geneva, Dec. 12.

Some sources claim that German sources are agitating for Russia's expulsion and said they were consequently opposed to it if only on the grounds that Germany expects to profit from Russia's plight.

The committee in charge of the Finnish appeal studied the circumstances of the dispute and at this morning's session drafted one report. Later, they decided to make a second draft outlining Finland's legal position with relation to Russia and regarding the Russo-Finnish agreements.—United Press.

Puppet Government

Geneva, Dec. 12.

Unconfirmed reports say that Secretariat circles indicated that Russia based its case with the League squarely on the recognition of the Terijoki government on which it is unable to repudiate its stand or accept an armistice.

Russia's resignation from the League could not be effective for two years and Moscow is reported to be considering her reinstatement thereafter in the belief that the conflict with Finland would, by that time, have been settled peacefully.

One advantage of Russia's withdrawal would be to relieve any nation from embarrassment in voting for her expulsion or the imposition of sanctions. Russia has, for years, been one of the strongest supporters of the League and she recently paid her dues of 2,000,000 gold francs.—United Press.

Recommends Expulsion

Geneva, Dec. 13.

The Finnish appeal to the Committee of Thirteen was adopted.

The report and resolution recommends expulsion of Russia and aid for Finland.—United Press.

Council Must Decide

Paris, Dec. 13.

The Havas correspondent at Geneva pointed out that if Russia is to be expelled from the League, the initiative can only be taken by the Council and the Soviet delegate would be entitled to attend.

He adds that it is doubtful if the Soviet Government would take such an opportunity.—Reuter Special.

Two Recommendations

Geneva, Dec. 13.

It is understood that the Committee of Fourteen will table a resolution before the Assembly this afternoon.

It is believed that the resolution will be in two parts, one declaring that the Soviet has committed an act of aggression against Finland and inviting individual member States to give their individual help to Finland, and the other recommending application of Article 16 and Russia's expulsion from the League.—Reuter.

Sub-Committee To Review

Geneva, Dec. 13.

The Committee of Thirteen has appointed a sub-committee to review the recommendations, after which they will be transmitted to the Assembly for discussion. They will then be voted on by the Council.—United Press.

Argentine Action

Geneva, Dec. 13.

At the Assembly meeting this morning the Argentine Government's representative asked for application of Article 16 of the Covenant, which would mean Russia's expulsion.

It is expected that other South American States will support the Argentine attitude.

Mr. R. A. Butler and M. Paul Boncour are expected to speak later to-day on behalf of Britain and France.

The Argentine delegate said, "Disclaiming even an outward form of legality, the aggressor has denied she is at war, and to this end referred to normal relations she maintains with a puppet government set up by herself. The Soviet therefore has placed itself outside the Covenant."

Senator Freyre concluded by declaring his Government's unalterable decision to consider itself no longer a member of the League as long as the Soviet is able to claim such membership.—Reuter.

Argentine Threat

Geneva, Dec. 13.

Argentine has informed the Assembly of the League that she would resign unless Russia were expelled.—United Press.

New League Council

Geneva, Dec. 13.

The League Assembly elected Bolivia, Finland and South Africa as members of the Council for the next three years.

Bolivia was re-elected, Finland succeeded South Africa, and South Africa succeeded New Zealand.

It also renewed the two special Council seats created three years ago, occupied by China and Latvia, to which it is expected that they will be re-elected this afternoon.

The new Council consists of Belgium, Bolivia, the United Kingdom, the Dominican Republic, France, Greece, Iran, South Africa, Peru, Finland, the Soviet Union and Yugo-Slavia.—United Press.

Press Suggestion

Oslo, Dec. 13.

The Aften Post, leading Conservative newspaper, proposes that each member of the League of Nations shall instantly place at the disposal of Finland a fully equipped military unit, representing one per thousand of the population of each country.

The newspaper claims that this will stop Russian aggression and re-establish the League's authority.—Reuter Special.

"Finland Day" Arranged

London, Dec. 13.

Sympathy for Finland is increasing throughout the world.

Governor Lehman of New York has declared next Sunday as "Finland Day" when collections will be made.

The American Red Cross has already sent \$4,000 worth of medical supplies.—Reuter Bulletin.

ALLIES'
ECONOMIC
HARMONY

Paris, Dec. 13.

M. Alphonse Rio, Minister of Merchant Marine, states that a complete Franco-British transport plan will be worked out by the authorities who will see that all needs in an emergency will be supplied.—Reuter.

French Satisfaction

Paris, Dec. 13.

The Press, without exception, acclaims the Anglo-French monetary agreement as an event of enormous significance.

Yesterday marks a new historic stage of Anglo-French solidarity, observes L'Ordre.

Hopes of driving a wedge between Britain and France must now appear quite hopeless, writes Le Petit Bleu.

The agreement can be regarded as a victory, remarks Le Petit Parisien.—Reuter Bulletin.

May Outlast The War

London, Dec. 13.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement in the House of Commons yesterday is universally welcomed in this morning's Press.

The Times says, "The intimate co-operation is now established between the British and French Governments is essential to the war economy in time to be extended to embrace other countries with successful handling of the economic difficulties which will have to be faced when the war has been won. Taken together with previous agreements for the joint purchase of goods and material required from foreign countries, it creates a solidarity between them which is more than an alliance."

"It is perhaps not a visionary hope that the economic and financial co-operation it has established between the two countries may long outlast the war as many in time be extended to embrace other countries with the same interests in peace and prosperity."

"One thing was missing from the comprehensive agreement between Britain and France which the Supreme War Council announced on November 1, says the Manchester Guardian, there was no reference to finance. The gap has now been filled by the highly important agreement announced yesterday by Sir John Simon and M. Reynaud."

The News Chronicle considers "the agreement is a comprehensive one and represents a great step forward towards common administrative action by the two countries. There could hardly be a stronger proof of the community of purpose between Britain and France people."—British Wireless.

The Fighting

RUSSIA'S
BIG TASK

Copenhagen, Dec. 13.

It is reported that Russia has opened two tremendous drives across mid-Finland, hoping to reach the Gulf of Bothnia and cut Finland in half.

It is indicated that the biggest battle is likely to start in two or three days on the mid-front, between Hyrynsalmi and Kurue in the north, where the Finnish position, it is thought, is critical. The Finns are required to halt two great Russian armies of overwhelming superiority in numbers, armament and equipment.

It is reported that two corps of the Russian Ninth Army are driving south-west from the Salla area and north-west from Suomussalmi, the latter nearing Hyrynsalmi.

Reports are pouring in of the terrible hand-to-hand fighting which the Finns are fighting with stubborn resistance with a comparative handful of men armed with light weapons. They are fighting the Russians backed by artillery, tanks and armoured cars, where the Finns are only guerrillas, at their best only able to delay the enemy.—United Press.

Finnish Planes Active

Copenhagen, Dec. 13.

The National Tidende correspondent at Helsinki states that on Tuesday Finnish fighters flew low above Leningrad and Murmansk, raiding the vicinity of the latter they bombed 20 kilometers of line, blocking the traffic.—United Press.

Fins Rush Reinforcements

Helsinki, Dec. 13.

The Finns to-day intensified their counter-offensive against the Russian forces in the threatened middle sector, Finland's "waist."

Reinforcements reached the front line continuously and went straight into action. The Russians are nowhere able to gain a foothold, as the Finns destroy all buildings and houses before leaving.

There is no information as to which of the two parallel Soviet thrusts is winning in the push towards the sea, but both have been reinforced, with the Finns still numerically the inferior.

It is believed that the Russians plan to effect a junction of these two army groups and make a combined push to the sea at Oulu (Uleaborg) on the Gulf of Bothnia.

It is expected that the crack Finnish troops will be transferred to this front.—Reuter.

Moscow Worried
By Resistance

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (Domet).

Fear is apparent in various circles that the Soviet-Finnish conflict will be unexpectedly protracted so long as various Powers continue to supply materials to Finland.

Although both official circles and newspapers still remain reticent about League actions, it is understood the Government are highly indignant and are ready to resign from the League.

There are signs of uneasiness among Soviet citizens over the difficulties Soviet forces are encountering in Finland as well as over the anti-Soviet sentiments abroad, especially in League circles.

Reports from Leningrad say that wounded soldiers are pouring in from the Finnish front lines and not only all hospitals but also churches in Leningrad are filled with soldiers. It is by now generally believed that the Soviet losses in Finland are unexpectedly heavy.

Rumanian Oil

Transport
Difficulty

Bucharest, Dec. 12.

Rumania has more oil on hand for Germany than the Nazis can possibly move under present transportation difficulties. As a result, German pressure to-day is greater on Rumanian railroad authorities than on the oil producers.

There is a great shortage of oil barges on the Danube, while at the same time there is a greater shortage of rolling stock. At present very little oil is leaving Rumania by way of the Black Sea because there are few tankers available.

One of Rumania's largest tankers was sunk in the British Channel a few weeks ago, and since then fewer tankers have left for distant ports.

The greater bulk of supplies on hand has already been sold. Germany has already purchased her shipload of oil, and is determined to ship it at the earliest possible moment.

Although Rumanian authorities do not relish Berlin's insistence, they are doing their utmost to meet the Reich halfway.—United Press.

Negotiations Proceeding

Bucharest, Dec. 13.

Much difficulty is still being experienced in the negotiations for the increase of petroleum exports to Germany. In German circles it is stated that the hopes expressed that an agreement would be signed on Friday or Saturday are greatly exaggerated.

The Nazi negotiators are asking for a large quota of petroleum and effective export to the Reich of 300 wagon loads daily.

The present arrangement is that Germany will pay 25 per cent. of the cost of Rumanian oil imports through the clearing system and 75 per cent. in gold currencies.

Lacking gold currencies, Germany for a considerable time has mainly been paying in manufactured goods. The larger quota now desired would mean the despatch of more industrial products in return.

It is understood that the Nazis are not yet able to give any indication as to whether this larger quantity of goods could be delivered. Moreover, the products offered are largely not those wanted by Rumania.

Negotiations for a change of the mark-exchange are proceeding more smoothly.—Reuter Special.

PEIPING
CURRENCYIssue Of Federal Reserve
Bank Notes Increasing

Peiping, Dec. 13.

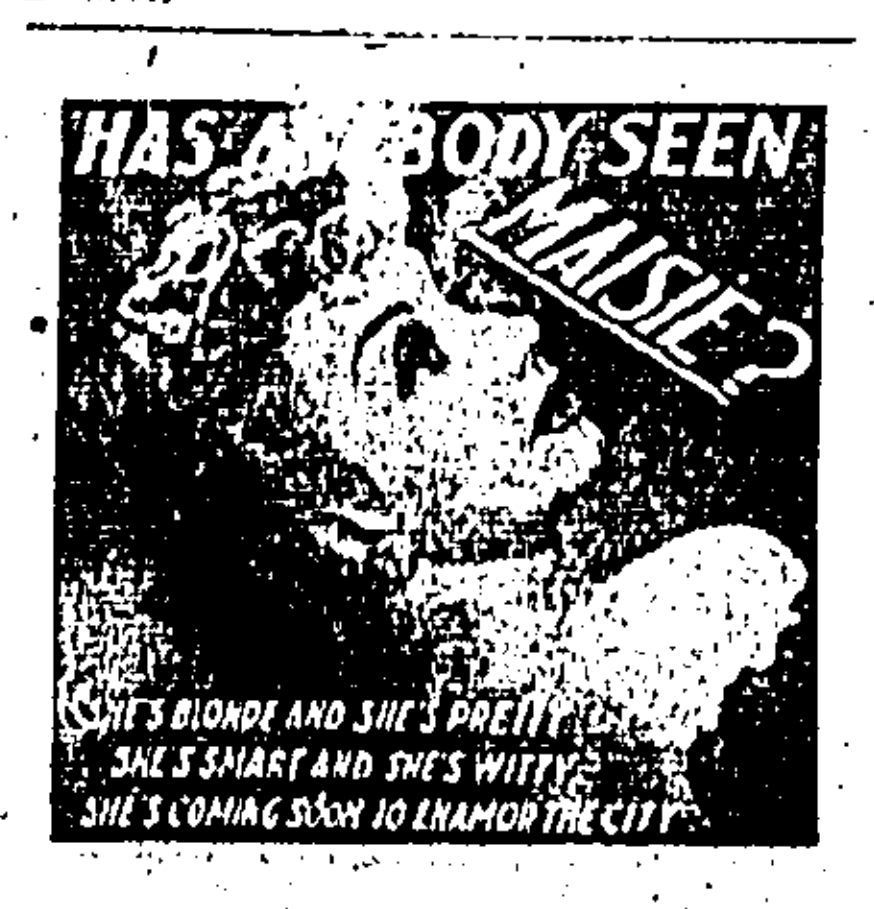
Mr. Wang Shih-ching, the Minister of Finance of the Provisional Government, in a radio speech last night, announced that the Federal Reserve Bank notes which have so far been issued amount to Yuan 302,000,000.

Compared with June, the present note issue shows an increase of Yuan 100,000,000.

The steady increase in the note issue of the Federal Reserve Bank, Mr. Wang said, represents the striking progress in the efforts to restore peace and order in North China.

Satisfactory progress is also registered in the policy of concentrating foreign exchanges which is designed to develop the new currency as a trade currency.

From March to the end of October, \$1,003,553 of British currency and \$2,311,185 of the United States currency have been concentrated and the sums amount to over Yuan 40,000,000 in Chinese currency.—Domet.



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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

CHARITY GAMES AT KING'S PARK

High Standards In Games To Aid British War Organisation Fund

GENIAL WEATHER was associated with the Mainland v. Island women's match at King's Park last Sunday in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. The result of the game—Mainland 2, Island 1—was in keeping with my expectation. Moreover, the game was contested at a furious pace, and very even.

There was no score in the first half, but the Island might well have done so had their inside forwards, Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Dalziel, not been unlucky or had followed up with more speed and dash. The scoring of the first goal by Miss Purves, in the second half, however, gave them a strong pull, and Mainland supporters have elevated their eyebrows.

Up to this period the Mainland halves were very unsettled—the usual big game excitement, mis-hitting, half hitting and plenty of over anxiety. Soon after the Mainland attack came into their own, and the forwards showed far more activity in their short passing.

Miss D. McCaw, Miss Barker and Miss Marr, tipped the ball from stick to stick quickly, and the halves participated in the rapid following-up. Miss Marr, who is a fleet of foot, got well past Mrs. Strange, and tapped the ball to Miss Barker, who in turn flushed it across the goal-mouth. Miss H. Reid dashed in and placed the ball magnificently into the net to equalise. After their brilliant start, the pace set by the Island forwards slowed down a lot in the last half as was to be anticipated, and though they frequently worked the ball up to the circle, their efforts were frustrated either by Miss G. White and Mrs. Gilmore, or checked by a save from Miss June Hall, who did really well for her first big match.

THE WINNING GOAL

THIS lack of sting amongst the Island forwards in the final stages was noticeable, whilst on the other hand the Mainland attack worked with more thrust and dash, eventually obtaining the winning goal. Miss Marr again took possession and sent a nice pass in to Miss D. McCaw, the latter tested Mrs. Lunsford with a full-blooded drive, which was well stopped—the ever-ready Miss Reid once again dashed through to give her side victory, before Mrs. Lunsford could recover.

Prominent Features Of The Game

MISS K. POCKOCK gave a bright display at centre-half for the Island, she tackled splendidly, and fed her forwards with nice flick passes. The wing halves, Mrs. Stone and Miss B. Greaves, were great spoilers, with Mrs. Stone the better of the two. Miss E. Gray was the best back on view, her defence was so sound that in Services' quarters she was termed Hongkong's Maginot Line. Mrs.

Hockey Association Council Meeting

A Council Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall this afternoon at 6 p.m. A full attendance of members is requested.

Strange was also well in the picture. I would say the Island defence was in top form.

There seemed to be less steadiness amongst the Mainland halves. In the first half, when the Island attack was at its height, the wing halves, Miss M. McCaw and Miss J. Wong, became rather antsy. With Miss I. Woolley playing constructively, they improved perceptibly, however, in the second half. Mrs. Wilmore was the best of the backs. Of the forwards, Mrs. D. McCaw was first and best in the centre and Miss Barker and Mrs. Marr combined to do very well on the right flank. Miss H. Reid and Mrs. M. Shand on the left did as well as could be expected. Both



A brief clash during the Island-Mainland hockey match last Sunday in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. Miss Yuen.

teams gave of their best. There is always a modicum of playing luck in every game. It did not seem to come the Island way.

Services 2 Civilians 2

THE CLOSENESS of the annual matches between these two teams makes little difference. Services and Civilians always play such strenuous and fast hockey with fierce endeavour and skill—with plenty hard-fighting, hard hitting and close tackling. All these playing virtues were again in bold evidence last Sunday.

To summarise the play itself, there was really little to choose. The teams were well matched, except that the Services' forwards were much faster, and never hesitated to shoot at once when in the circle. Services started well, and were bent on getting the first goal to place them in a strong position.

The Civilians' defence was called upon to put in all they knew. It was not long before the expected goal arrived. Off a short corner hit taken by Datta Ram, Benwell made a partial clearance, but Partauk slipped in to score. This happened after about ten minutes, in which the Services' forwards were far more aggressive than the Civilians five. When the Services were much the better team in this half, there was too much over-hitting—the ball went far too frequently into touch, which means so much interruption of play. The "slogging" hard hit was greatly in evidence, and was of no use to anyone.

When half-time came, Services led one-nil.

CIVILIANS IMPROVE

THE Civilians forwards could not control their passing strength, or work their passes in unison with one another. They, however, improved in the second half. The halves, had

Rugby Football

ROYAL SCOTS BEAT CLUB



Lt. Hook (Service) steering the ball away from Gurbachan Singh (Civilians) in the charity hockey match in aid of the B.W.O.F. at King's Park last Sunday. The match was drawn 2-2.—Miss Yuen.

now got right in their stride. They came their first goal.

It was an opening by W. A. Reed that gave E. Fowler his chance to score, and he made no mistake. The Civilians still forced their attack; they were continually pressing, and giving the Services' defence active employment. Pyra Singh, this time, sent S. A. Fowler through to give the Civilians a 2-1 lead.

Services towards the end came back with a spirited attack, and Britan Nath equalised with a soft goal, when Benwell completely mis-kicked the ball.

The Services were hard pressed, and defending strongly when the final whistle went.

Comments Of Players

THE Civilians backs, Bond and Consalves, were sound. The former was fast in his tackling and hit hard and cleanly. W. A. Reed, the old General at centre-half, played his usual fine game, and controlled his passes with skill. Brown and N. Whitley, the wing halves, also performed well. Brown, in particular, was more constructive in the latter stages, when he took complete control of Norain and Partauk. The attack was fast enough, but as I have said, it lacked cohesive qualities.

J. Searles was seldom fed on the left wing, and S. A. Fowler had an off day. G. Singh, inside right, displayed fine stick-work and passing skill, and Pyra Singh, as leader, controlled the half well. E. Fowler, though new to the inside left position, was always a trier.

The Services defence played finely, but rather tapered off in the second half. Baines did by no means badly in goal; he had as many shots to clear as Benwell, and he rarely failed in his judgment. Datta Ram, left back, was the central figure of the defence, and he was well supported by Mars. The halves, Cowley, Hook and Corrie-Hill, shone in the first half—they kept good contact with their forwards, and broke up several Civilians attacks. Britan Nath was a brilliant leader, and both wing combinations showed a great speed and fine stick work.

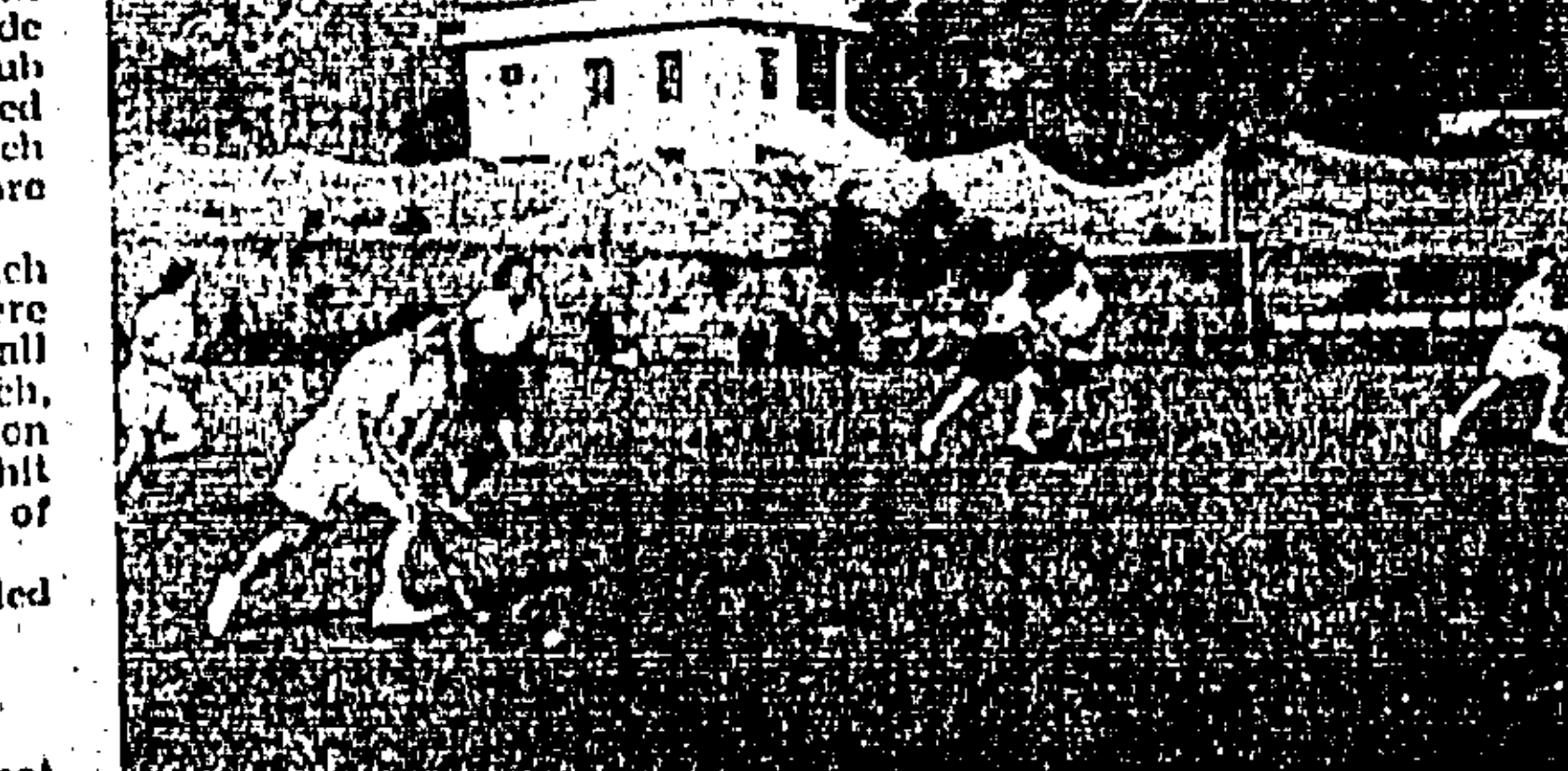
It would not be right to close without referring to the excellent umpiring of the four officials. Their decisions were prompt and correct, and the games proceeded without any tripping, but major faults were promptly noticed and dealt with.

Credit must also go to Mr. D. T. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the H.K. I.S., and his group of organisers who arranged the matches so splendidly.

In their League encounter at King's Park last Saturday, "Y" Ladies, present Caer Clark Cup champions, easily defeated St. Andrew's, their nearest rivals, 4-1.

The "Y" line of attack worked with terrific speed and rhythm. The right-wing combination of Mrs. Burnett and Miss Barker, was outstanding, and sent across many beautiful passes. Mrs. Starbuck, as pivot, Miss Pockock, left half, were brilliant, and so was Mrs. Stone, right back. According to their display last Saturday, there is no team capable of defeating them this season.

St. Andrew's replied with a few raids, from one of which they scored. Miss June Hall, in goal, was in no way to blame, in fact, had she not played so well, the score would have been much higher. A better performance was expected of the Saints, but the team gave a ranged display, and were well below their normal form.



Mrs. Gardiner taking the ball down the right wing for the Island against the Mainland in the charity hockey match at King's Park last Sunday. The Mainland won 2-1.—T. W. Chan.

Cricket

Royal Engineers Draw With C.B.S.

Brilliant Bowling By Sapper Ratcliffe

A BELATED ninth wicket stand of 86 runs saved the Central British School from defeat when they met the Royal Engineers in a friendly cricket match on the School ground yesterday. Despite the brilliant bowling of Sapper Ratcliffe, who took 6 for 20, after having figures of 5, 2-6-6 at one period, W. G. Pryde, first wicket down, was undefeated with 52 and K. A. Moffan was 37 not out when the game ended.

The School commenced disastrously and had lost 8 wickets for 19 runs before Pryde and Moffan became associated.

The scores were:

R. ENGINEERS				
Spr. Ratcliffe, c. Labrum b. Smith	6	20	1	0
Lt. Col. St. John, b. Smith	1	17	1	0
Sgt. M. Green, b. Saunders	1	17	1	0
Sgt. Carpenter, b. Saunders	1	17	1	0
Capt. Grease, b. Smith	1	17	1	0
Sgt. Denyer, c. Moffan b. Ache	1	17	1	0
Spr. Murphy, b. Smith	1	17	1	0
Capt. Parsons, b. Labrum	1	17	1	0
Lieut. Pope, b. Smith	1	17	1	0
N. J. Hurley, b. Parsons	1	17	1	0
Extras	1	17	1	0
Total (for 9 wickets)	15	17	1	0

Bowling Analysis				
Smith	10	3	27	4
Saunders	10	3	27	4
Pryde	10	3	27	4
Labrum	10	3	27	4
C.B.S.	10	3	27	4

C.B.S.				
A. M. Odell, b. Ratcliffe	1	17	1	0
W. G. Pryde, not out	1	17	1	0
A. W. Brown, c. Shaw b. Ratcliffe	1	17	1	0
N. V. Leckhart, c. b. Ratcliffe	1	17	1	0
R. G. Labrum, b. b. Ratcliffe	1	17	1	0
J. P. Ache, b. Ratcliffe	1	17	1	0
K. A. Moffan, not out	1	17	1	0
Extras	1	17	1	0
Total (for 9 wickets)	10	17	1	0

C. R. Lawrence did not bat.

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Ratcliffe	10	3	27	4
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Superior Kicking Wins The Match

(By "Fly-half")

KICKING won the match for the Royal Scots yesterday evening when they defeated Club by two goals to a goal and a try. Club had bad luck when, following a kick ahead, a forward got over, only to be called back for a previous infringement, and again when Bidwell dropped a goal which was disallowed as it had been touched by a Royal Scots' player before it went over.

In the fight for the ball in the tight scrums, Salter had the measure of Sutherland. The Army pack mistimed their shove by pushing too much before the ball was put in, and were generally caught unawares by the sharp shove by the Club eight at the moment the ball was put in.

In the loose and the line-outs, the honours were more or less even, with Club disappointing in their falling back in defence, and the Army forwards ready and up to take any advantage of dropped passes by their opponents. Henderson received close attention by the Army wing forwards, and serum half, and a result, Butcher had to accept any sort of a pass, which considerably hampered the backs.

During the game Day had a recurrence of a leg injury and this appeared to detract from his play, in which he was weak in defence. Bidwell did a good deal of opening up in attack and the second Club's score for Butcher, who backed up splendidly to take his pass and score behind the posts, Carruthers and Laville were too well marked to get properly into stride. The former did, however, have one or two good runs.

ARMY'S BEST THREE BOE was Army's best three-quarter, and generally evaded the first tackle. His final passing left much to be desired, especially on one occasion when he broke through to the line, only to be tackled by a Club forward, who was too well marked to get properly into stride. The former did, however, have one or two good runs.

Club's first try was well-taken by Day, following a clean heel by the Club pack in a loose maul. Stout failed to convert. Butcher scored under the posts when he backed up a Bidwell break-through to receive the pass, and the inside was converted by the full back. Bidwell converted.

Garcia-Lee Bout Finally Arranged For December 23

MANILA, Dec. 13 (UP).—After an exchange of radio messages with Jack Dempsey at Honolulu, the promoter, Jes Cortes, announced that the Garcia-Lee fight will be held on December 23.

Negotiations For Garcia-Hostak Bout

Cleveland, Dec. 13. Mike Jacobs by telephone has opened negotiations with Hostak's manager for a possible bout with Garcia at Madison Square Gardens in the winter.—United Press.

Navy Fail To Make Appearance

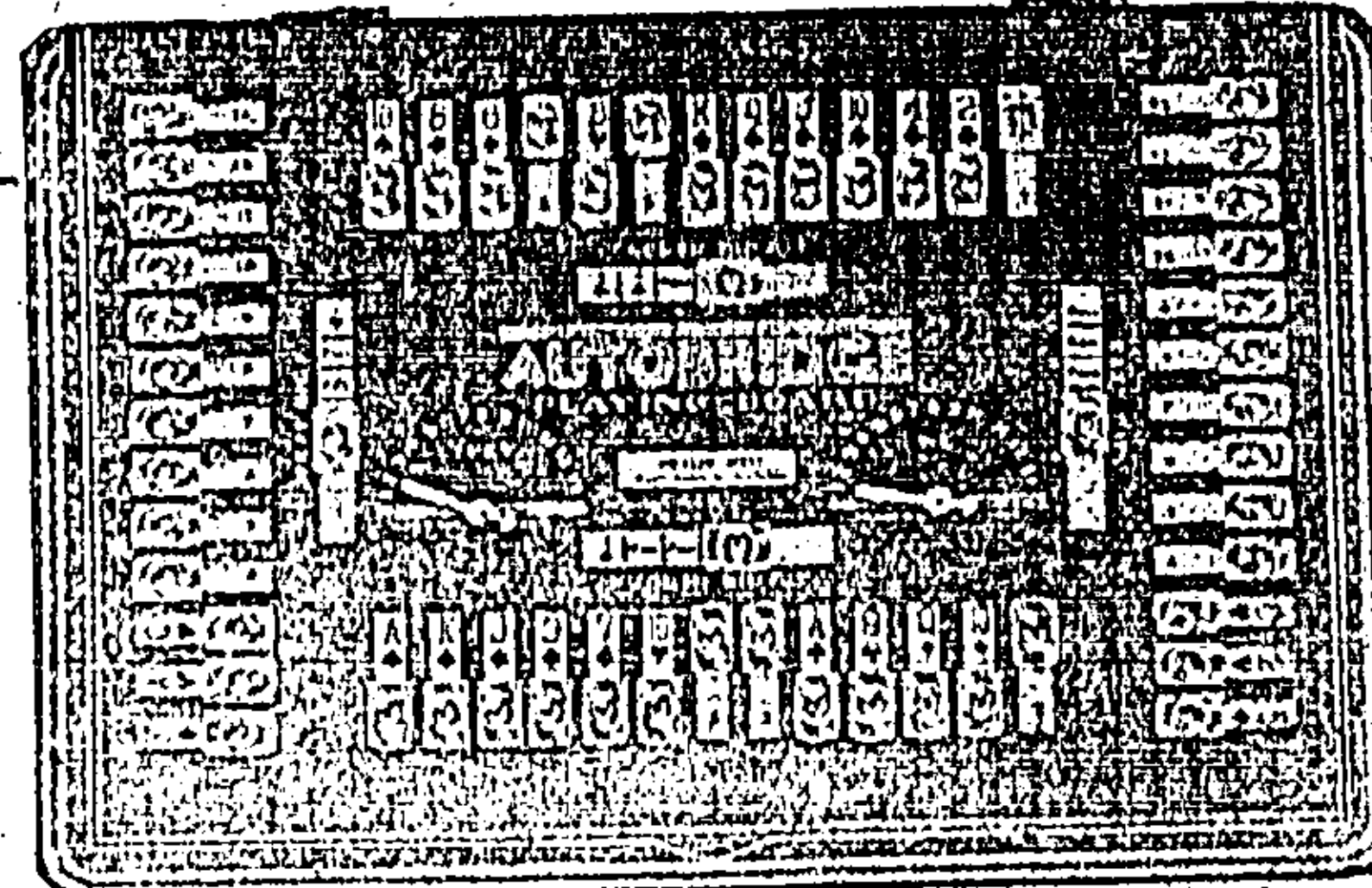
The First Division League football match between Middlesex Regiment and Royal Navy, scheduled for next Saturday at Soakunoo, but brought forward to yesterday afternoon on the same ground at 4 p.m., was not held, the Navy failing to make an appearance.

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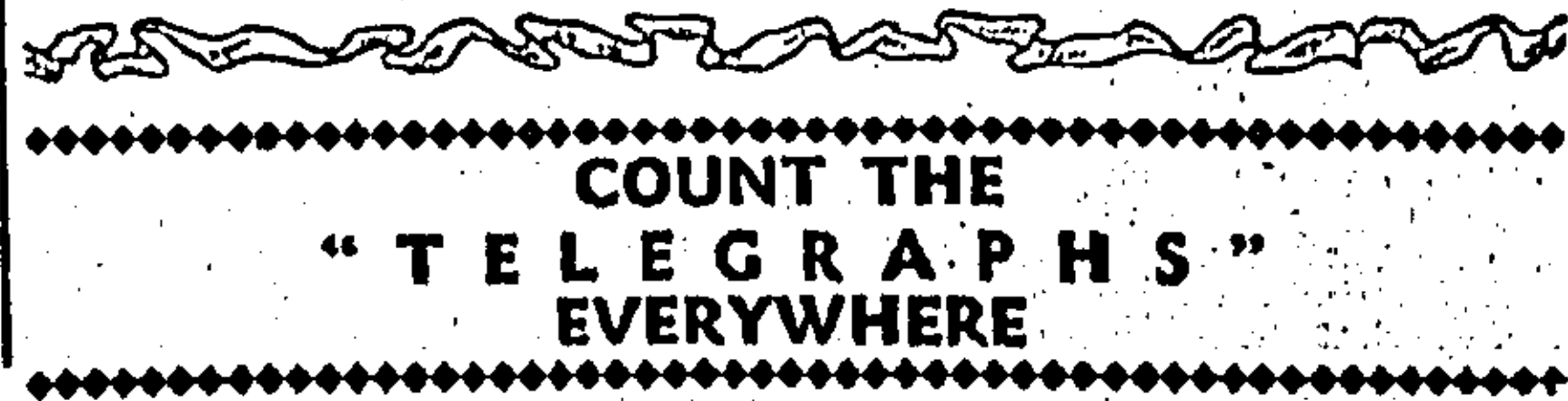
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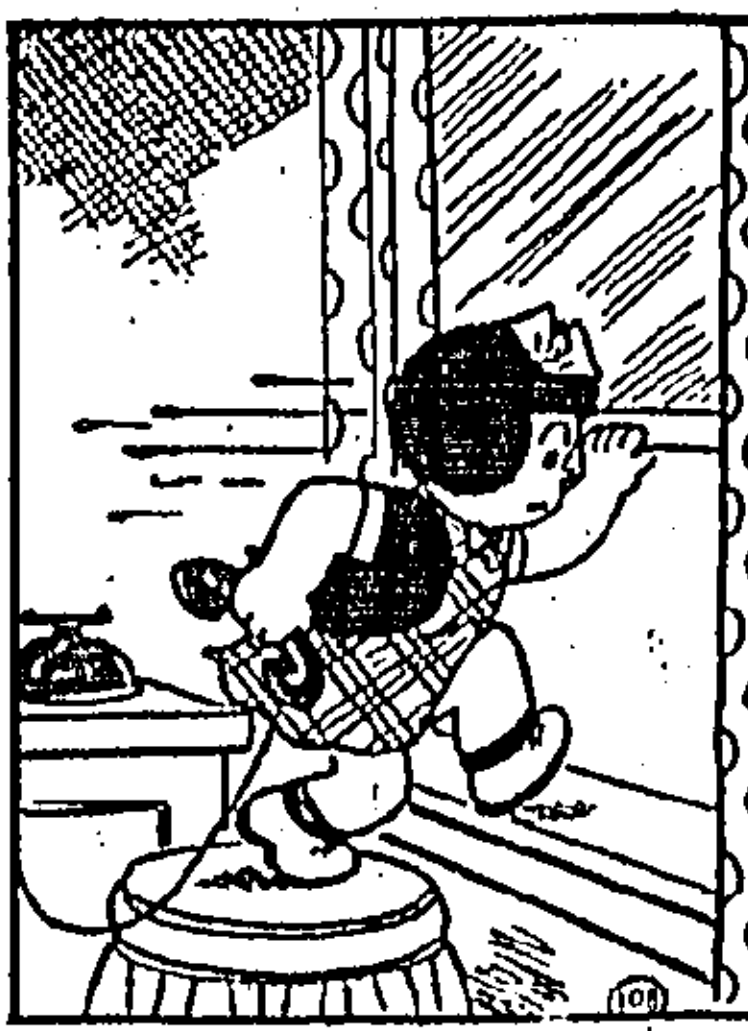
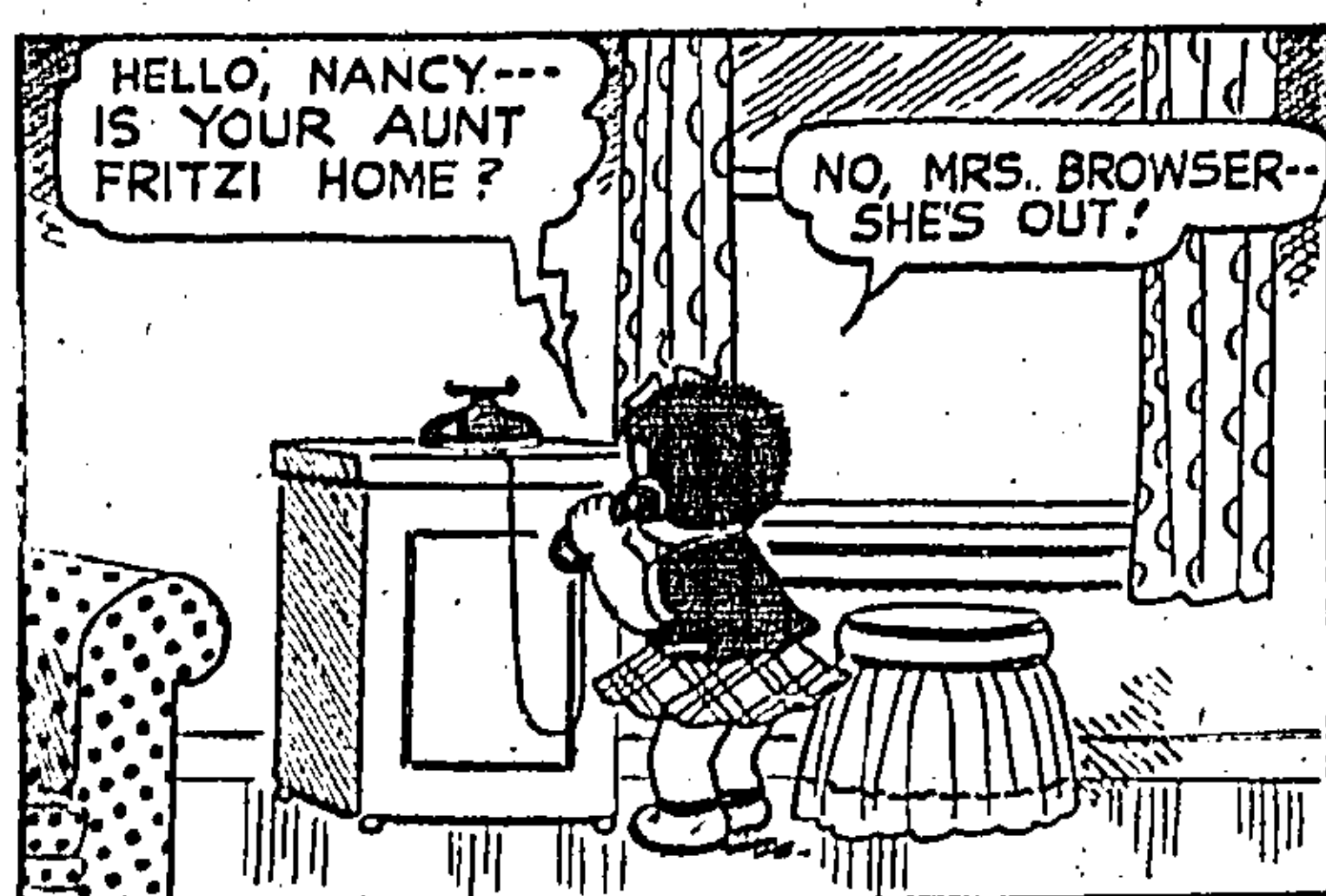
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By Ernie Bushmiller

If You Know Someone Somewhere In France— YOU'LL SOON BE ABLE TO SEND TELEGRAMS

NAZI TO R.A.F.: 'I SALUTE YOU'

By NOEL MONKS
Daily Mail Special Correspondent with the R.A.F.

Somewhere in France. A GERMAN pilot sat down to dinner as an honoured guest in the officers' mess of an R.A.F. squadron last night. He had been shot down by one of our Hurricane fighters, but because of the courage he had shown during the action he was invited to dine with the men he had fought.

He shook hands with all his hosts. They toasted him, and he toasted them. Then in the middle of the meal he buried his face in his arms and sobbed aloud.

The pilot who had shot him down led him from the dining room into the lounge. In an embarrassed silence the others continued with their meal.

"Your Kindness"

Ten minutes later the captured airman returned to his place at the table and, gripping the back of his

chair till his knuckles showed white he said:

"Please forgive me. Your kindness has overwhelmed me. For most of my 31 years I have been taught to dislike the English."

"For these last five years I have been made to hate them. Only yesterday when I took off on this last flight of mine I was told that if the English captured me I should be starved and tortured."

"Instead you have broken me with your kindness. For the rest of my life I will be glad I met you. Gentlemen, I salute you."

As one man the R.A.F. pilots leapt to their feet and acknowledged the salute. The Nazi had given the German military salute, not the outstretched arm of the Nazi Party. And this is why our fighter squadron asked the Nazi pilot to dine.

Crew's Parachute Leap

Our Hurricane had been pouring bullets into the Nazi Dornier when the crew started to pour from it. Two members of the crew leapt from it and fell earthwards by parachute. The Dornier was wobbling badly.

The Hurricane pilot swooped low over the enemy and peered into the cockpit. He saw the pilot slumped over the controls and concluded he was dead. But he wasn't, though his machine was almost out of control.

Then the Nazi pilot did an amazingly heroic thing. He got up from the controls and climbed into the gunner's cockpit in the nose of the machine.

In a second he had trained the gun on the R.A.F. Hurricane ahead, and while the Dornier flew along on its own he let loose a stream of bullets at the Hurricane, which, however, was soon manoeuvred out of range.

The Nazi pilot was still at the gun when the machine crashed. He was unhurt. To-day he is a prisoner of war with a new outlook on life—and the English.

By O. D. GALLAGHER
Daily Express War Reporter

With the B.E.F. in France.

HERE is the most pleasant piece of news I've dug up in the seven days I have been with the Army—there are going to be telegrams for the Tommies.

As they say in the B.E.F., "the service is about to be laid on." The colonel who is the Assistant Director of Postal Services (the big shot of the Post Office out here), has just come back from a conference at the G.P.O. in London.

There they talked about telegrams, and inspected the plans which are going to bring front-line soldiers nearer home.

Said the colonel to me recently: "We are fixing a flat rate for them. I'm afraid it can't be as cheap as the ninepenny inland telegrams back home, but it won't cost much more. At home they are all keyed up for the new service."

So is the colonel, a tall man full of nervous energy. He wears rimless glasses, and I should say he is about as efficient as can be.

Enthusiastic

And enthusiastic about his job. Bit of a psychologist, too—"If the troops feel that they are not in close touch with their homes, they are apt to think everything has gone wrong. They need news from home quickly."

Telegrams will take from one to two days—probably one day. Fairly soon, you will see official announcements about this Tommy-Telegram Service, but I can give you a detail or two now.

They will have to be addressed in the same way as ordinary letters to men in the B.E.F. Yes, I know—the address may be a long one and cost money. The Post Office thought of that too, and maybe the address will go free.

They will be handed in at post-offices anywhere in Britain, and will be telegraphed immediately to Army P.O. headquarters in France. From there they will go to the front, or wherever it is, by normal delivery.

All this was planned in the first place for hundreds of Tommies who are prospective fathers. Many are worried, and want prompt news about the new arrival to whom they will one day show their medals.

News From Mary

So—twenty-four-year-old Mary, of Noel-street, Nottingham, you'll be able to telegraph him the news. It will be working in plenty of time for you.

In case you don't know Mary. . . Her boy-husband sat behind me at Gracie Fields' concert and cried a bit when Gracie sang the song about the little boy who wanted his daddy back for Christmas.

This is going to be a two-way service. To and from the B.E.F. and, as the official announcement will tell you later, it is for urgent messages only.

No decision has been made yet about giving men a day or two leave to go home to deal with domestic crises like babies and things. Tommy's French comrades get a day's leave for such happenings.

The Allies add an hour to the war to-morrow midnight when the French go into winter-time with us. Good old Entente Cordiale.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Blondie" (King's): Homely entertainment with an appeal to all types of family audiences. The characters are taken from the famous daily comic strip. Penny Singleton takes the 40 role with Arthur Lake as her irresistible young husband.

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"When Tomorrow Comes" (Queen's): Return screening of a particularly appealing and entertaining film. Excellent performances by Charles Boyer, Irene Dunne and Barbara O'Neill.

BRITISH WAR FUNDS Committee Asks to See All Advertisements

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The Committee for the Fund is deeply appreciative of all such kind and generous efforts and sincerely trusts that entertainment organisations will conform to these requirements.

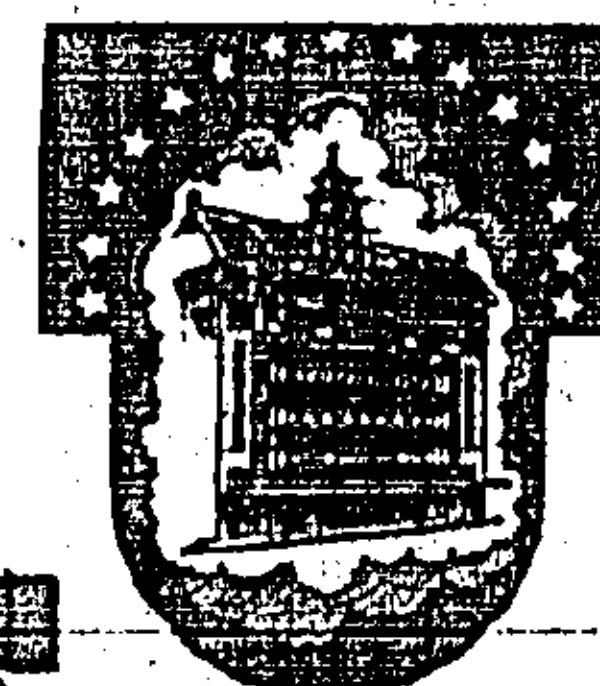


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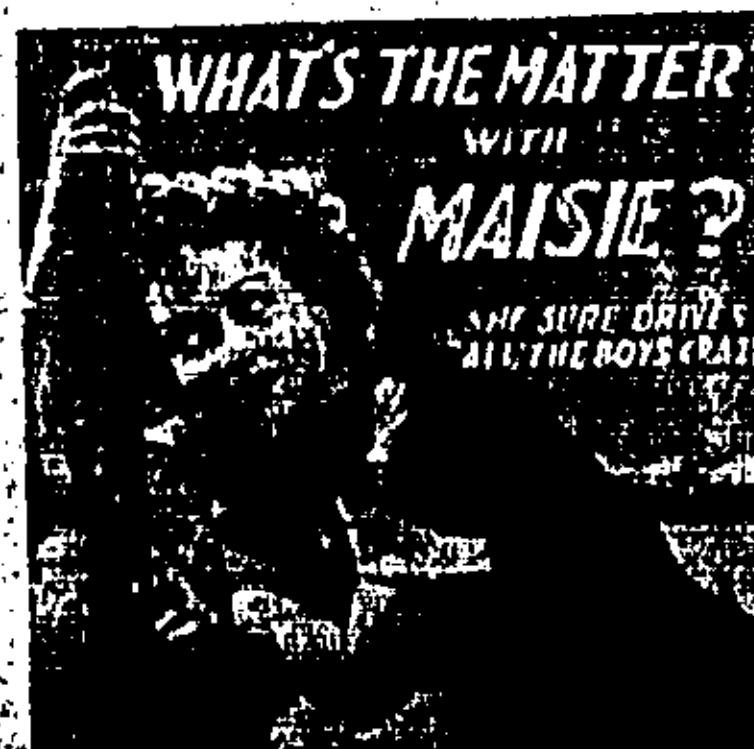
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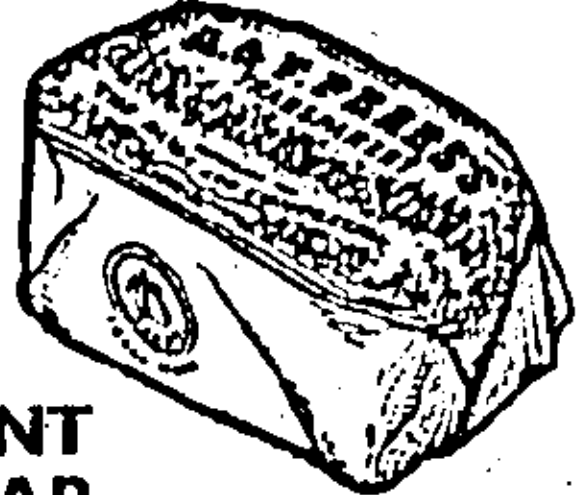


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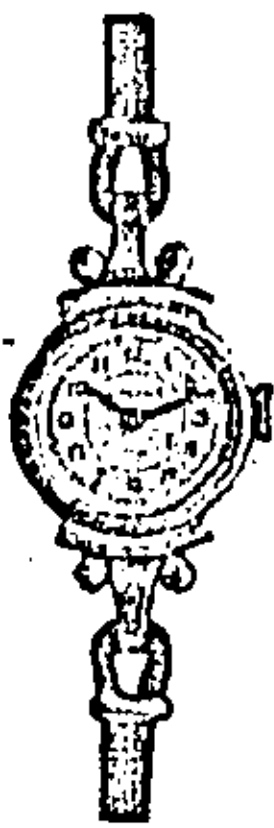


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What shall I give for Christmas?



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You are determined to begin early, to make a thorough search for new and really bright ideas.

You want your gifts to reflect sound judgment, to show your friends that you know exactly what is likely to please them most. And certainly you are not going to jeopardise this fine resolution by leaving matters to the last moment.

If that is the spirit in which you address yourself to the annual problem of gift buying, you will be open to ideas from every quarter.

The first suggestion is to try to put yourself in the place of each one of the recipients in turn.

If you were in his (or her) shoes what would you appreciate most? Here you have to take into account such things as temperament, domestic circumstances, hobbies and other interests.

THINK . . . LOOK . . . CHOOSE

It is quite impossible to give a list of all the items likely to fit best into your list of Christmas gifts until all these considerations have been duly weighed.

A good plan is to begin, as suggested, by thinking of likely personal needs. Nearly everyone to whom you wish to give a Christmas present is one that you know well, and the only difficulty is when people seem to have everything they need.

Still, there may be something they could do with in the home or garden, or, failing this, you will have to seek inspiration from the new season's novelties.

When you have taxed your imagination to the full, go out to the shops and stores and see the thousand and one attractive and useful items which had not occurred to you. Make a note of some of the brightest ideas which you are able to spot in the window and counter displays.

There are so many you cannot examine them all closely on your first reconnaissance, though, incidentally

A Page of Bright Ideas to Help You Solve Your Present Problems.

It is already getting late for these preliminaries.

There are only two more weeks for gift buying and you can disregard next week's purchases while the best selection still remains.

Do not forget that the solution to many a vexing problem for the Christmas gift buyer is to select something for the family. This may be in the nature of furniture, an indoor game, or some labour-saving contrivance.

Again, why not something really seasonal? Nothing more obvious, perhaps, yet what could be more acceptable to any household than a Christmas hamper of good things to eat and drink?

A GIFT YOU WOULD LIKE

Think how much you yourself would appreciate such a gift, say a case of wines or spirit, to help you out with the entertaining you are sure to be doing over the holiday and the New Year.

One important hint to every gift buyer.

You know the old saying that it is the thought behind the gift that counts. How often that truth is misinter-

preted to mean that any gift will do!

No. Where is the thought behind the Christmas present obviously bought in the last minute rush and posted too late to arrive in time?

The best days of all for gift buying are those of the coming week when you have the widest pick and can make a leisurely selection with no scramble to mar the pleasure of it all.

SUGGESTIONS CLOSE AT HAND

And the best time for reflection is to-day, when you should be able to find a few spare minutes to sit down quietly with pencil and paper and make a list of all the people to whom you would like to give a Christmas present.

Almost everyone throughout the country will, in fact, be doing this. If there is anything in mental telepathy the ether will be full of bright ideas. So put yourself in a right good generous frame of mind and tune in!

But do not overlook the helpful suggestions that are placed before your very eyes in this page.

Here you will see how easy it really is to depart from the more conventional form of Christmas gifts and select something a little out of the ordinary and likely to be a great deal more appreciated, especially if it is the type of article likely to last and become a treasured possession.

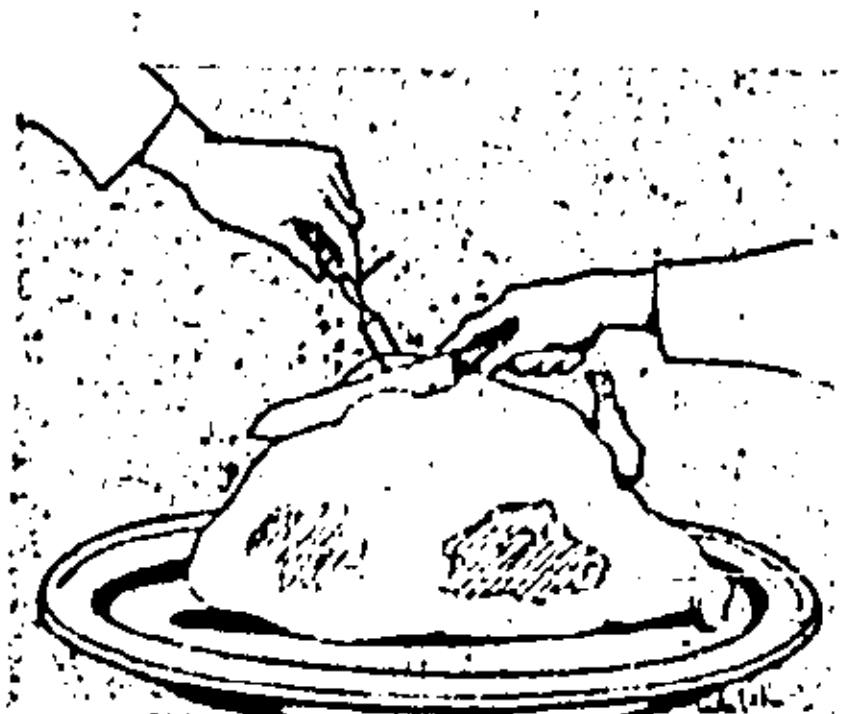
TURKEY—WITHOUT TEARS

Here Are Eight Rules For Carving The Turkey

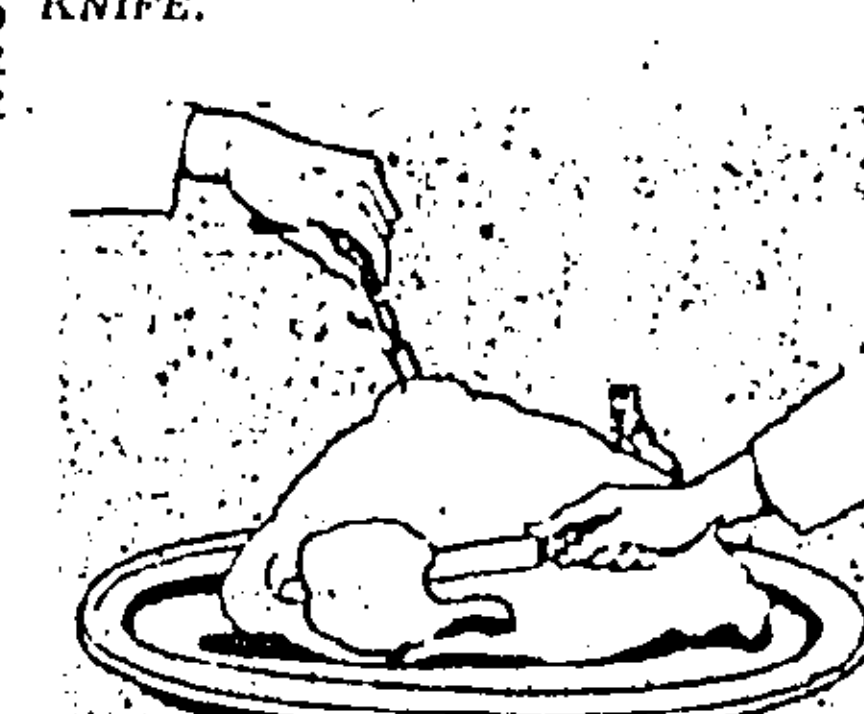
1. SERVE THE TURKEY ON A LARGE DISH AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, CARVE IT FROM A BACK TO BREAK AWAY.

2. USE A WELL-SHARPENED CARVING KNIFE AND A CARVING FORK.

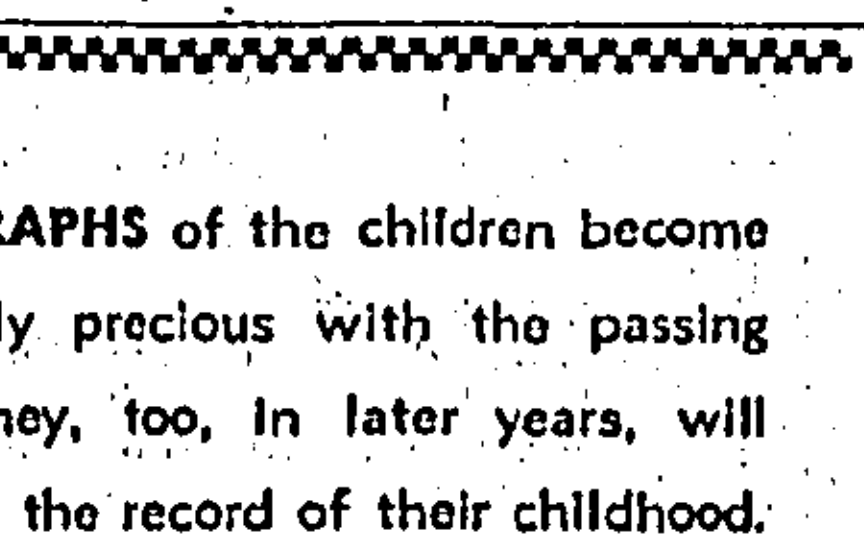
3. PLACE THE TURKEY SO THAT THE NECK IS TO YOUR LEFT AND THE "TAIL" TO YOUR RIGHT.



4. NOW THE WING. INSERT THE FORK ACROSS THE TOP OF THE BREASTBONE, WITHOUT TEARING THE BREAST MEAT, AND SHARPLY SEVER THE WING FROM THE BODY WITH THE KNIFE.



5. REPLACE THE FORK OVER THE TOP OF THE BREASTBONE, AND START TO CARVE THE BREAST DOWNWARDS, FINELY, SIDE FACING YOU. CUT ONE LEG WORKING FROM THE EDGE OF FROM THE BODY, GENTLY FORCING THE BREASTBONE.



6. START CARVING ON THE OTHER LEG, GENTLY FORCING THE BREASTBONE.

7. HAVING CARVED PRACTICALLY ALL THE MEAT FROM ONE SIDE OF THE BODY, PLACE A SERVING OF STUFFING WITH THE MEAT ON EACH PLATE.

8. WHEN SLICING PORTIONS OF MEAT, THE DARK MEAT SHOULD BE CARVED MORE THICKLY THAN THE WHITE AND SERVED WITH THE WHITE TO EVERYONE.



PHOTOGRAPHS of the children become increasingly precious with the passing years. They, too, in later years, will appreciate the record of their childhood.

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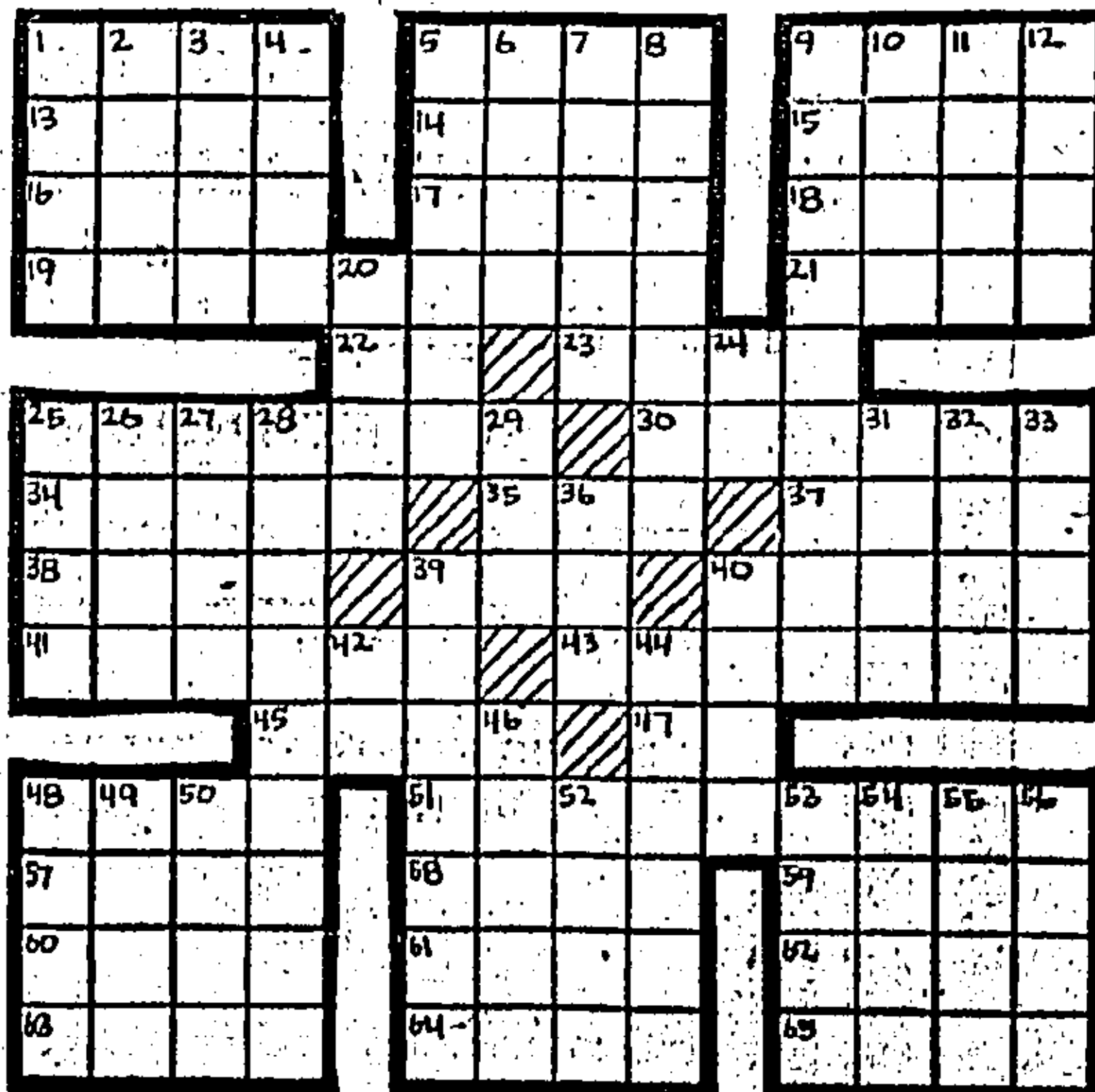
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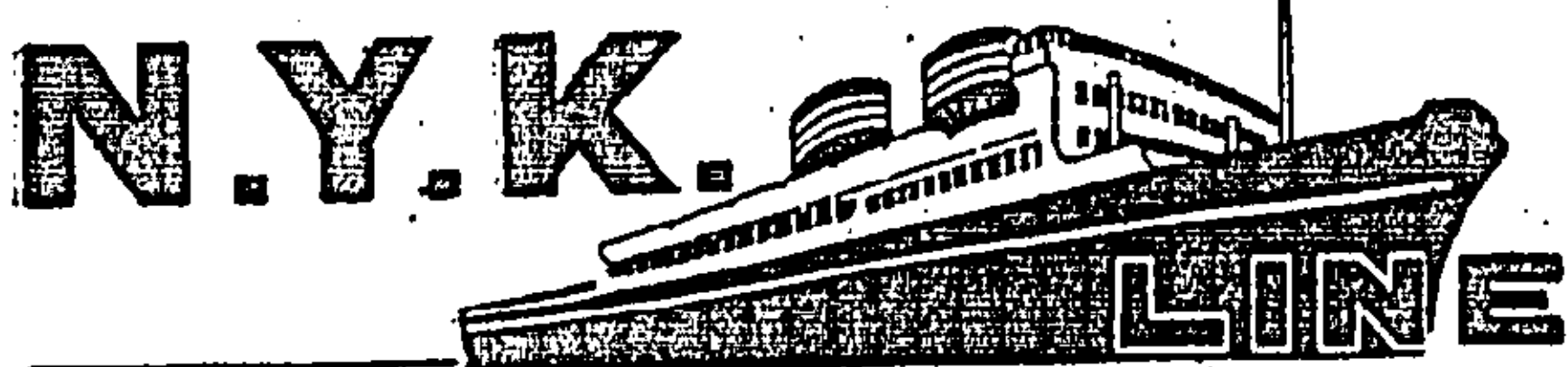
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Consul Tells How He Saved Hundreds

SNATCHED FROM NAZI TERROR IN GERMANY

By E. P. MONTGOMERY
HOW Britain, through
her diplomatic and consular
representatives in Germany,
helped and comforted thou-
sands of Germans, victims
of the tyranny and persecu-
tion of their own Nazi Gov-
ernment, was told to me by
Mr. R. T. Smallbones, for-
merly H.M. Consul-General
in Frankfurt-on-Main.

Mr. Smallbones saw the ter-
rible effects of the pogrom
which raged through Germany
against the Jews last November
after the von Rath murder.

His report on the Nazi per-
secutions of the Jews and the
crucifixes of the Buchenwald
concentration camp make some
of the most impressive reading
in the Government White Paper
on the ill-treatment of German
nationals issued recently.

Hide In The Woods

"During the first weeks of the
terror," he told me, "we gave sanc-
tuary in the Consulate to hundreds
of people who would have been safe
nowhere else. Men and women who
did not dare to show their faces in
the light would hide in the woods by
day and creep into the Consulate at
night for food and shelter."
"They slept in the halls, in the
dining-room, in the kitchen, on the

MEIN DAMPF

HITLER has sent a corps of
7,000 water divers to the
Siegfried Line, according to a
French report from Switzer-
land.

They have been told to find
a remedy for the flooding
which has followed the recent
heavy rains in several parts of
the line.

The German General Staff
expressed doubts on the value
of the corps, but Hitler
silenced their objections.

He reminded them that in
1918, when "Big Bertha" was
set up to shell Paris, water
diviners were consulted to en-
sure that the gun emplace-
ments would remain perfectly
dry.

stairs. My wife and daughter, my
staff of 11, even my servants, turned
to and helped to give them what food
and comfort we could.

"Some of us who had seen the
sufferings of the people in Germany
persuaded the British Government to
allow us to grant transmigration
visas, which would enable refugees
to get out of Germany quickly and
to stay two years in the United
Kingdom while awaiting an oppor-
tunity to emigrate to the United
States and other countries.

Nazi Christmas Cards On Sale In England

MORE than three million Nazi Christmas cards—none of
them marked "Made in Germany"—are in England waiting to
be sold.

Beautifully printed, with perfect English Christmas scenes
and little snippets of verse, they are indistinguishable from British
ones, and have been distributed to firms all over the country.

Many will probably be sent to English soldiers at the Front.
A final load of German cards was dumped at the London
docks only a few days before war broke out.

The matter will be brought up in the House of Commons.
Already it has been brought to the notice of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Karl Giesen, of Holborn, a London publisher who has
distributed millions of the cards, told the *Sunday Dispatch*.
"They were bought before the war started, and there is no
reason why anybody should bother where they were made."

"They are not marked 'Made
in Germany,' so they will not
hurt anybody's feelings. Even
if the customer asks where the
cards were made, it is doubtful
if the shop-assistant would
know."
"I have dealt in German cards be-
cause I think they are so much better
than English ones."

Was A German

"Naturally, now there is a war on
I shall buy British ones."

Mr. Giesen was a German, is now
a naturalised British subject, with a
son in our fighting forces.

Another Christmas card official
said:
"There must be more than 3,000-
000 German cards in this country.
The last shipment was not able to
be fully unloaded and had to make
a quick get-away. Evidently they
had been warned to return to Ger-
many immediately."

DIPLOMATS HONOURED

Tokyo, Dec. 13.
M. Pierre Forthomme, the new
Belgian Ambassador, and his wife,
were received by Her Majesty the
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Gustav Idman, the newly-appointed
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SABOTAGE PLOT IN U.S.

Nazis Try To Blow Up Queen Mary

NEW YORK.

Elaborate precautions have
been taken to strengthen the
guard on the world's two largest
and fastest liners, the Queen
Mary and the Normandie, fol-
lowing a warning from the
United States Navy Intelligence
Department that an attempt
may be made within the next
few days to damage one of these
vessels.

The greatest secrecy is maintained
concerning the nature of the in-
formation which led to this step
being taken.

The first indication of anything
unusual was the arrival at the dock,
where the merchant flagships of
Britain and France are tied up side
by side, possibly for the duration of
the war, of some of the highest
officials of the Police Department.

Amongst them were Chief In-
spector Louis Costuma, who played an
important part in the arrangements
for the visit of the King and Queen
to New York in June, Second
Deputy Commissioner Francis Kear and
Capt. George Mitchell, head of the
newly-formed sabotage squad.

They spent more than an hour
aboard the two liners, discussing the
situation with the officers, and when
they left the regular guard of 15
policemen was increased to 30.

Companies Warned

Two police launches were assigned
to constant duty at the piers, and
arrangements were made for regular
tours of inspection by detectives.

People driving cars along the street
running past the Cunard White Star
and French Line piers were prevent-
ed from stopping in the immediate
vicinity and pedestrians were direct-
ed to the side of the street farthest
from the bank of the River Hudson.

The Cunard White Star and French
Lines in New York confirmed the re-
ports that they had been warned of
a possible sabotage attempt.

Both ships have skeleton crews
aboard. The Queen Mary has been
painted battleship grey since the war
started, while the Normandie has
been literally packed in mothballs in
expectation of a long period of in-
activity.

"This was, provided their main-
tenance was guaranteed by friends,
relatives or charitable organisations.

"Letters Of Promise"

"I worked closely with my Ameri-
can colleague in Stuttgart, and as
soon as the formalities for immigra-
tion into the United States were
complete I would issue a 'Letter of
Promise,' which gave the refugee a
promise of a British visa when he
could obtain his German passport.

"These 'Letters of Promise' were
regarded almost as talismans, for
with them the relatives of men in
the concentration camps could ob-
tain their release, and possession of
them made the holders safe against
further molestation by the police
and the S.A."

"During the worst of the terror we
were besieged with applicants for
the letters, often trying to deal with
as many as 800 to 1,000 a day.

"People would begin to gather in
the Consulate garden long before
dawn, and by 9 o'clock, when we
opened the doors, there would be
hundreds waiting."

"Miss Turnbull, the 23-year-old
English teacher who had come in to
help would stand on a table in the
hall to deal with the first rush."

"We instituted a system of num-
bered metal discs, which Miss Turn-
bull handed out in order to save
people from standing directly in a
queue for hours. Each one knew
his turn and could go away and
come back when his time drew near."

"We had 450 of them, and usually
they were quickly exhausted so you
can judge how many people we were
dealing with."

"Miss Turnbull was a miracle of
patience, listening to each
one's story as if it were the most
important of all, sorting them out
into the proper categories, directing
them to the appropriate official to
deal with their cases."

Her Own Fiance

"One day she had to hand out a
number to her own fiance, a German
who was trying to get out."

"In the main, the people who came
to us were mostly women with hus-
bands, sons or brothers in the con-
centration camps. Some had to
bring their children with them not
daring to leave them alone at home.
We had to work long hours
to keep abreast of the rush. In ad-
dition to the hundreds of interviews
daily we had to deal with 200 to 300
applications a day by post."

"My own record, I think, was four
days at my desk with six and a half
hours' sleep. And the others on my
staff worked just as hard, or harder."

"All through November, December
and January the persecutions—and
our work—went on. Then things
became a little easier, because the
German-Jewish Aid Committee took
over some of the work of investiga-
tion and means of subsistence and
ultimate destination."

"Even so, we continued right up to
noon on September 1, forty-eight
hours before war was declared, with
our job of trying to give those
frightened, distressed and suffering
people our help. If I may say so—
England's help."

Belgium Still Safe

American Envoy Believes Pledges Hold Good

New York, Dec. 12.

The American Ambassador to
Belgium, Mr. Joseph Davies, arrived
on the liner Rex to-day and said he
was "satisfied that none of the par-
ties who had given their word not to
invade Belgium would do so." How-
ever, Belgium was maintaining her
preparedness. King Leopold, who
was responsible for the Belgium de-
fences, earned the admiration of the
Envoy.

Mr. Davies returned to the United
States in response to orders to dis-
cuss the Belgium trade agreement.
He unequivocally spoke for a third
term for Mr. Roosevelt saying, "In
my opinion conditions in the world
are such that he ought to be drafted
and compelled to resign."

The Ambassador is to return to
Belgium as soon as he makes his re-
port.—United Press.

Belgians Under Arms

The Hague, Dec. 13.
The Ministry of Defence announces
that the Second Chamber intends to
call up between April and June the
classes of 1938, 1939 and 1940, so far
except, to replace the oldest classes,
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CHINA LIGHT PROFIT

Annual Report Reveals Prosperous Year

The report of the Directors of the
China Light and Power Company,
Ltd. for the year ended September
30, to be presented at the 21st, ordi-
nary yearly meeting of shareholders
at St. George's Building on Decem-
ber 22, states that profit on working
account amounts to \$2,045,531. The
net profit after deducting trans-
fers and allowing for Directors' and
Auditors' fees and depreciation is
\$1,130,610. With \$104,888 brought
forward from last year, there is
\$1,235,500 available for appropri-
ation, less \$60,000, being the amount
written off the late General Manag-
ers' Rights.

The Directors recommend the de-
claration of a dividend of 50 cents
per share on the Old shares and pro-
portionate amounts on the 1939 issue
shares, absorbing about \$1,003,485.
It is proposed to transfer \$25,000 to
contingency reserve and carry for-
ward the balance, amounting to about
\$92,819.

The retiring Directors are Hon. Mr.
M. K. Lo and Mr. J. P. Braga, who
offer themselves for re-election.

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OBITUARY

Widow of Former C. P. S. Manager In Hongkong

Mrs. Ethel Cameron, widow of Mr.
Allan Cameron, former Manager of
the Canadian Pacific in Hongkong,
died suddenly at her home at Van-
couver, recently.

Mrs. Cameron was a native of
Owen Sound, Ontario and was well-
known in Hongkong during her
husband's period of service in China.
After retirement they lived quietly
in Vancouver. Mr. Cameron died
two years ago.

Surviving Mrs. Cameron a sister,
Mrs. Jean Bewley of London, and a
sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Macaulay,
of Vancouver.

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British Anti-Aircraft Work In France MEN WHOSE LIVES ARE SERIES OF ALARMS

By E. A. MONTAGUE

Somewhere in France.

I saw this morning by practical example why it is so difficult and dangerous for German planes to come reconnoitring over our Army area. I had gone to visit an anti-aircraft battery which protects a valuable railway station from air attack, and had splashed my way through the mud to where one of its sections was located.

Suddenly the section commander broke off his explanations to blow three blasts on his whistle; the section observers had seen a plane. Gunners rushed out of their dug-outs and manned the guns. The men at the height-finders and predictors shouted strings of incomprehensible figures and the guns obediently swung round in concert, searching for the plane, so distant that I could hardly see it. Within a few seconds of the alarm they were on the target, and following its course ready to fire the instant that it was identified as an enemy. In a minute or two, however, the section commander lowered his glasses and gave the order "Stand easy." It was a friendly plane, and the gun crews went back to their dug-outs to wait till the whistle should call them out again.

MANY ALARMS

That is the daily routine of one of the most uncomfortable jobs in the Expeditionary Force. Always the observers, taking half-hour shifts turn and turn about, are sweeping the sky with their glasses. As soon as a plane is sighted, however far away, they give the alarm, and the section stands to. Not until the section commander has identified the plane as harmless is the tension relaxed. On a fine day there may be thirty or forty alarms between dawn and dark. I saw three in less than ten minutes, all of them abortive. In the intervals the men have to strengthen their defences and keep their dug-outs in good repair. On a wet day there are few alarms, but most work is also impossible, so that boredom takes the place of constant, jerky activity.

The anti-aircraft gunners have been issued with a higher proportion of gumboots than any other branch except the signallers, and they need them. The gun positions are difficult to hide, and so the gunners have to build dug-outs for their protection against machine-gun attack from the air. In those dug-outs they live through a much longer working day than falls to most of us. In some mysterious way they keep them dry, and the warmth of their stoves makes them not unpleasant on a winter day, but the ground around them is as muddy as any I have seen in France.

The Other Enemies

Such is the life of the men who keep ceaseless watch and ward over our Army. Their job is a skilled one, involving a good deal of delicate instrument work, and certain parts of it, such as the observing, cannot be done adequately except by certain types of men. Their enemies are mud and boredom—the enemies of everybody, but their great longing is to fire their guns at a hostile target. They have had weeks now of standing to again and again, but the section whom I saw had not yet had a single alarm that was genuine.

They might be excused for relaxing unconsciously, but one sees no signs of it. Their vigilance, and the other systems which exist for reporting all hostile planes, provide together a complete protection against surprise.

In spite of the conditions of their life they seem well and on the whole happy. They get accustomed to dropping a hand of solo in order to rush out of the dug-out, and to shovelling mud which runs off the spade as you lift it. Like nearly all the men here they long for dark boards, and wonder audibly when they are going to see one of these concert parties that the papers are always telling them about.



The oldest inhabitant of a Buckinghamshire village had his customary drink, but the string on his shoulder carried his mask.

LATE NEWS

AD. SCHEER TRAPPED?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUENOS AIRES, DEC. 13 (UP).—THE BRITISH EMBASSY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT TWO BRITISH AND ONE GERMAN WARSHIPS CAME INTO CONTACT OFF RIO PLATA.

IN THE ENSUING ENGAGEMENT, SOME DAMAGE WAS DONE, BUT NONE OF THE SHIPS SUNK.

A MESSAGE FROM MONTVIDEO SAYS THAT THE BRITISH LEGATION TO-NIGHT STATED THAT A NAVAL BATTLE IS TAKING PLACE OFF PUNTA DE LESTE IN URUGUAYAN WATERS. IT IS UNCONFIRMEDLY REPORTED THAT THE CRUISERS ACHILLES AND AJAX AND THE ADMIRAL SCHEER ARE INVOLVED.

ANOTHER REPORT, AS YET UNCONFIRMED, STATES THAT HEAVY GUN FIRING IS UNDERWAY OFF PUNTA DE LESTE IN THE PREFECTURE OF AMARITIMA, EAST OF MONTEVIDEO.

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NAZI SHIP TRAPPED

Big Battle Rages Off Uruguay Coast

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTE VIDEO, DEC. 14 (UP).—THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES ANNOUNCES THAT TWO BRITISH CRUISERS AND A GERMAN WARSHIP CAME INTO CONTACT OFF THE RIO DE LA PLATA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The warships concerned are believed to be the 7,030-ton cruiser Achilles, flagship of the New Zealand Squadron, the 8,350-ton cruiser Ajax, of the West Indies Station, and the Nazi pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer.

Although overwhelmed by the superior armaments of the German raider, the two British cruisers apparently closed in to engage the enemy.

Unofficial reports stated that H.M.S. Achilles had been sunk in the encounter.

NO SHIP SUNK

The British Embassy, however, announces that although some damage was done, none of the three ships engaged in the encounter was sunk.

The British Legation in Monte Video, issuing a supplementary statement, says that the engagement was still in progress yesterday evening.

The battle was taking place off Punta de Leste, in Uruguayan waters near Monte Video.

Another report says that the sound of heavy gunfire was still audible at 5.30 p.m. at Punta de Leste, in the prefecture of Amarilima, east of Monte Video.

TRIES TO ESCAPE

At 6.30 p.m., an unidentified warship, but having all the appearances of and presumably being the Admiral Scheer, was sighted twenty miles off the Uruguayan coast.

She was then being pursued by two British cruisers.

Earliest reports of the conflict were received in urgent messages from Honolulu, the great U.S. naval base in the Pacific.

This led to the belief that the encounter had occurred in the Pacific Ocean, presumably on the U.S.-Australia trade route.

Uruguay, where the encounter actually occurred, is on the south Atlantic coast of South America.

The encounter was one of speed versus power—brains versus brawn.

Both the Achilles and the Ajax, cruisers of 7,030 tons and 8,350-tons respectively, are capable of steaming at 32.5 knots, as compared with the Admiral Scheer's 26 knots.

But the Nazi pocket battleship has vastly superior armaments. The Achilles and Ajax, which are sister-ships launched in 1932-33, have only eight 6-inch guns and 22 smaller guns, as compared with the Admiral Scheer's six 11-inch guns, eight 5.9-inch guns and 19 other guns.

Achilles, together with her sister-ship, the Leander, was lent to the New Zealand Government to form a New Zealand Squadron. She is the flagship of the New Zealand Squadron and, since the outbreak of hostilities, has been attached to West Indies Station, engaged with ships from there in hunting down the Nazi raider. Achilles is manned by New Zealand personnel.

The position now is that the Admiral Scheer, because of her slower speed, cannot elude the British cruisers, which can keep her in sight day and night.

Both the British and German warships are equipped with powerful armor-plating, which can be sent aloft to reconnoitre it sight of the enemy is temporarily lost.

It can be anticipated that the British cruisers, because of their inferior armaments, will make no serious effort to sink the Admiral Scheer, but will be content to "tag" her until

the arrival of battle-cruisers of the Renown type, which will be able to make short work of the enemy.

\$1,500,000 Cruiser

The complement of the Achilles is 560 men. The Admiral Scheer, which is a 10,000-ton cruiser of battleship design, carries over 1,000 men and has a cruising range of almost 20,000 miles.

The Achilles was built at a cost of \$1,500,000 at the Cammell Laird yards and was launched in 1932. She was commissioned on October 10, 1932. Her speed is 32.5 knots.

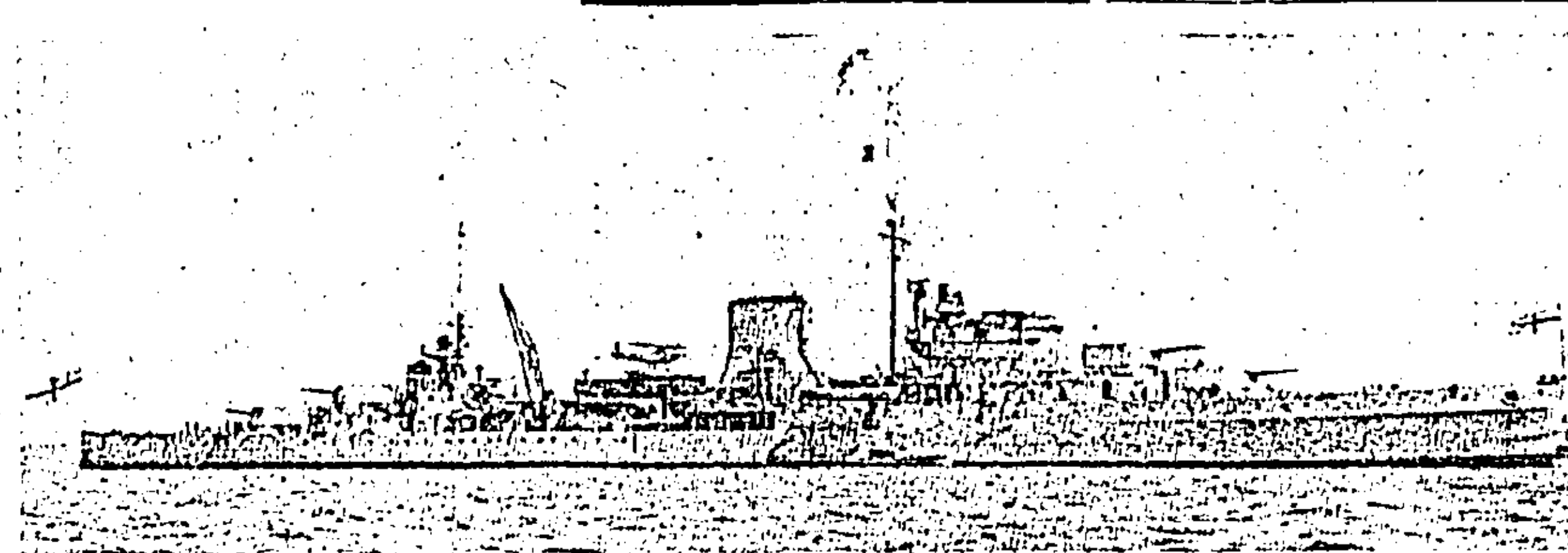
The Admiral Scheer was launched at Wilhelmshaven in 1932 and was commissioned on November 12, 1934. Her speed is 26 knots.

There are no indications in the Honolulu reports of the position of the rumored engagement, but it would presumably be somewhere on the trans-Pacific trade route between the United States and New Zealand and Australia.

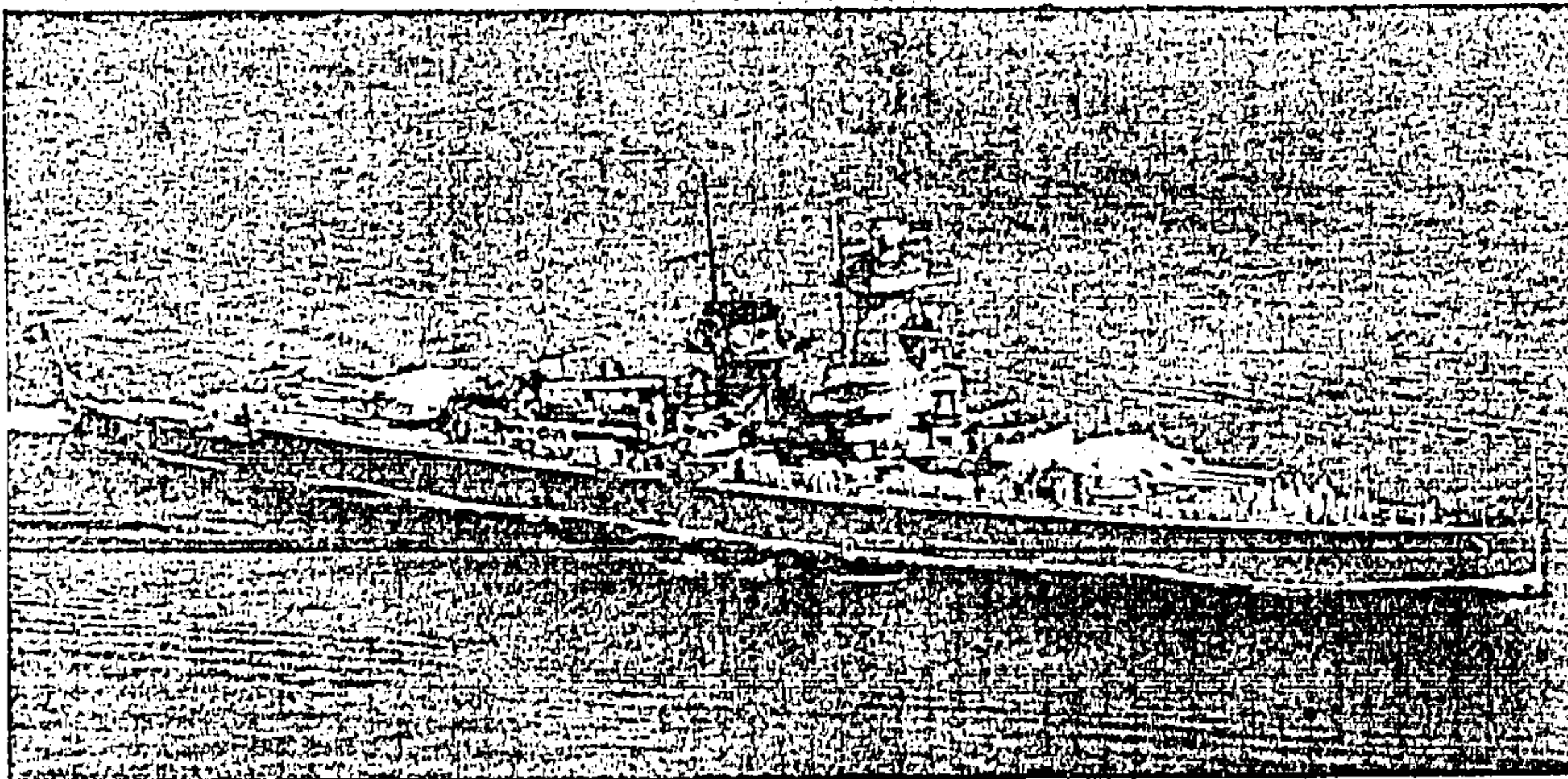
When the war began the combined strength of the Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy in cruisers was 55 ships.

A considerable proportion of this

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H.M.S. ACHILLES.



THE POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL SCHEER.

League Resolution Condemns the Soviet

TREATIES WERE 'SCRAPS OF PAPER'

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The resolution which will be submitted to the League to-morrow condemns the action of the Soviet in invading Finland, on the ground that "by its act of aggression against Finland, the Soviet Union has not only failed in its special political agreement with Finland, but has also violated the Pact of Paris and Article XII of the Covenant of the League."

Russia, the resolution adds, has also denounced without justification the Treaty of Non-Aggression concluded in 1932 and which was to have remained in force until the end of 1945.

Referring to the refusal of the Soviet of the League's invitation to come before the Council and Assembly, the resolution says that the Soviet "thereby failed in one of the most essential responsibilities it accepted under the League of Nations for the guarantee of the peace and security of nations, and acted as though the Council and Assembly did not exist as far as Russia is concerned."

The resolution adds: "Soviet Russia has attempted to justify her refusal to come before the Council and Assembly of the League by alleging that relations have been established with a fictitious Finnish Government that is, neither in law nor in fact, not the Government recognised by the population of Finland in the free exercise of their rights."

The resolution will be submitted to the League Assembly to-morrow.

It will most likely be the occasion for an animated discussion, but it is expected that the resolution will be approved without a vote and will then be referred to the League Council.

The Council will meet immediately to take the decision called for. The result of the Council proceedings is a foregone conclusion, but it remains to be seen whether there will be any abstentions when the vote is taken.

By leaving the election of China to the Council to a later meeting, the League has absolved China from the delicate responsibility of taking a stand in the matter.

At a meeting of the Committee of Fourteen to-day, the Norwegian and Swedish delegates stated that they approved the resolution, subject to the confirmation of their respective governments.

Will Stay In League

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GENEVA, Dec. 13 (UP).—Dr. Wellington Koo, China's delegate to the League of Nations, has sent a letter to the Secretary General, M. Avenol, urging the re-election of China to the League Council.

The letter read, in part: "I have the honour to request that if none of the ordinary non-permanent seats are available to China as a member State in the Far-Eastern group, the provisional seat which China occupies at the present time be renewed for another period of three years."

"The circumstances in the Far-East have remained unchanged since the creation of the seat."

Assembly To Vote

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Assembly will vote on the expulsion of Russia from the League this evening.

When the Assembly met to-day, the Argentine delegate proposed the expulsion and this proposal was referred to the Finnish Appeal Committee.

The Committee had before it not only the expulsion proposal but also the Russian reply, which arrived the previous night.

Expulsion Expected

The proposal will go before the Council. Here a unanimous vote is necessary before a member State can be expelled.

The Russian spokesman admits that Russia will probably be ousted from the League within 24 hours.

U.S. To Have Deafier

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—All documents connected with the League of Nations are being sent to the U.S. State Department.

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Common Allied 'Empire' To Fight Menace Of Nazi Domination

BLOOD BY PLANE

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A fleet of planes has been specially fitted out to transport blood for transfusion purposes to Army hospitals in France and to any city in the United Kingdom which may suffer casualties during air-raids.

NEUTRALS AND THE BLOCKADE

Benefit From "Go Easy" Slogan

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The concessions which are offered to neutrals under the Order-in-Council providing for the seizure of German exports mean that since the Export Control began on December 5 few cargoes have been definitely classed as seizures.

"Reuter" understands that during the first week the maxim was "Go easy on Neutrals," but the control will be tightened progressively.

Already applications are received from the United States, Japan, Belgium, Holland and other countries to respect drugs, surgical instruments and other items difficult to procure elsewhere.

In the early stages, such applications are likely to be treated sympathetically.

LONDON, Dec. 13

(Reuter).—The new monetary and economic agreement between Great Britain and France, which in effect pools the resources of the Allies for the duration of the war and until six months afterwards, is welcomed by the British Press as a step that welds the last link in Allied unity.

The "Times": "This agreement, together with other agreements, shows that there is now more than an alliance between the two countries. Measures such as this are the right way to reply to the boasts of Walther Funk, the Nazi Minister of Finance."

The "Daily Telegraph": "There could hardly be stronger proof of the community of performance by Great Britain and France."

The British Press also expresses great satisfaction at the report in the House of Commons yesterday by the Minister for Air, Sir Kingsley Wood.

The "News Chronicle", however, points out that we have a long way to go before we can establish that overwhelming superiority over the Nazi air force which is essential for our safety and victory.

The paper hopes that Sir Kingsley Wood will be able to give the public more information about Britain's air activity.

"Manchester Guardian" leader points out that in the Anglo-French financial agreement one thing missing from the comprehensive economic agreement of November 17 gives the

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ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE

Four Italians Held In Brussels

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Four Italians have been arrested at Liege on charges of espionage.

Three of them are of German origin.

They are said to have spread Nazi propaganda and to have asked soldiers, who visited the cafe owned by one of them, for information.

A raid on the premises brought to light a map and a pistol.

Damaged Submarine Returns To Port

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Navy Department said the new submarine Sea Dragon, which shipped water through a hatch while making her trial runs, is proceeding to the Portsmouth Navy Yard for inspection and repairs. The damage is said to be slight.

Swiss President Elected

BERNE, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Dr. Marcel Pilet-Golaz, the retiring vice-President, was to-day elected President of the Swiss Confederation for 1940 by the Federal Assembly.

LATEST

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Foods

THE "TELEGRAPH" will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

Airman Could Not Marry

Vicar Said "I Refuse"

SEVENTEEN-YEARS-OLD MISS PEGGY DEEKS, OF STAINES-ROAD, ASHFORD, MIDDLESEX, HAS BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO MARRY IN THE PARISH CHURCH BY THE VICAR, THE REV. ERNEST STREETE—BECAUSE SHE HAD NOT BEEN BAPTISED IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Her fiancé, 21-years-old Aircraftman Alfred Miles, cannot now be married before he goes abroad. They have had to postpone their wedding until he can get 24 hours' leave.

"My mother went to see Mr. Streete," Miss Deeks said, "and he flatly refused to consider marrying us unless I was baptised."

"Alfred is already baptised in the Church of England, and the vicar offered to baptise me straight away."

"But I felt so insulted that I refused. Now we shall try to be married at some other church, and, if nobody will do that, we shall go to a Register Office."

"I felt just as though he had told me I was not a fit person to be married in the Church of England. My family are Baptists, and we are baptised according to our own rites, but that was not enough for Mr. Streete."

Why He Refused

Mr. Streete said: "I refuse to marry any couple unless they prove that they have been baptised according to the rites of the Church."

The printed form issued to intending brides applying at Ashford Vicarage states:

"No marriage will be solemnised unless both parties are baptised. Marriage in a Register Office meets the case of unbaptised persons."

German Navy Plans Base in The Pacific

ROTTERDAM.

THE German Admiralty is preparing plans, in conjunction with Japanese naval officers, to use the Caroline Islands as a base for German raiders in the Pacific, it is learned from Berlin.

Plans have not yet received the approval of Tokyo, and, in view of the attitude of Japan to the Russo-German agreement, the idea may not receive the welcome which Germans and their Japanese friends in Berlin expect.

The Carolines, once German, have

HOFFMAN Took This

typical propaganda picture of Hitler as "the Friend of the Children." It was his special job to present the Fuehrer in the most favourable light.



been administered by Japan under League mandate. The projected German-Japanese understanding does not contemplate any change in their national status, but only that Ger-

In this man's name, Hitler's personal photographer, he was promoted to organise a picture propaganda department for all Nazi Germany.



Three Plots In a Year

CONFIRMATION of reports of an ever-growing spirit of revolt and anti-Nazi unrest in Germany, even among Hitler's trusted Black Guards and Gestapo (secret police), is given by the Swedish Press, which reveals that two plots against Hitler's life were discovered prior to the recent Munich beer cellar explosion.

At a meeting of the German Supreme Defence Council recently, presided over by Field-Marshal Goering, it is stated, the Nazi provincial governors complained of increasing dissatisfaction among young Nazis and passive resistance by workers, and they took a serious view of the growing influence of the anti-Hitler Black Front led by Herr Otto Strasser.

That the Nazi leaders fear a revolution is suggested by reports that several of them, including Himmler, the Gestapo chief, have sent their wives abroad.

The first plot against Hitler occurred in January, when 70 arrests were made, according to the Swedish newspapers. Goebbers - Tildningen and Goleborgs Handels-och Sjöfartstidning, says Paris Radio.

The second anti-Hitler plot was discovered at the end of August and among 100 persons who were arrested were Hitler's trusted Black Guards, Brown Shirts and members of the Hitler youth.

Many members of the Nazi Storm Troops and Gestapo have been charged with treason in recent weeks. It is stated, and a number of mysterious clashes among S.S. men is said to have led to several murders and suicides.

The Daily Mail quotes the Rome radio as reporting that Frau Himmler distributed flowers to injured soldiers in Italy.

The secret anti-Nazi German Freedom Station declares that the wives of several other Nazi leaders have left Germany.

Frau von Ribbentrop, wife of the German Foreign Minister, has left for Brazil.

Frau Goering, wife of the Nazi Air Minister and Hitler's successor No. 1, and Frau Goebbers, wife of the German Propaganda Minister, have gone to Switzerland; Baroness von Neurath, wife of the Nazi Protector of Bohemia and Moravia, has also left the Reich.

Universities —by Lord Nuffield

LORD NUFFIELD, who has given £3,911,000 to universities and Oxford colleges, said recently that he would not send a son to a university—IF he were going to become a production engineer.

Lord Nuffield is the retiring president of the Institution of Production Engineers. At a luncheon of the institution in London he said he could not understand the suggestion that a university education was necessary to produce those qualifications needed by the Government at the moment.

TO PUBLIC SCHOOL

"As I see things," he said, "the only way for a production engineer to get his qualifications is through hard experience in business and the shops."

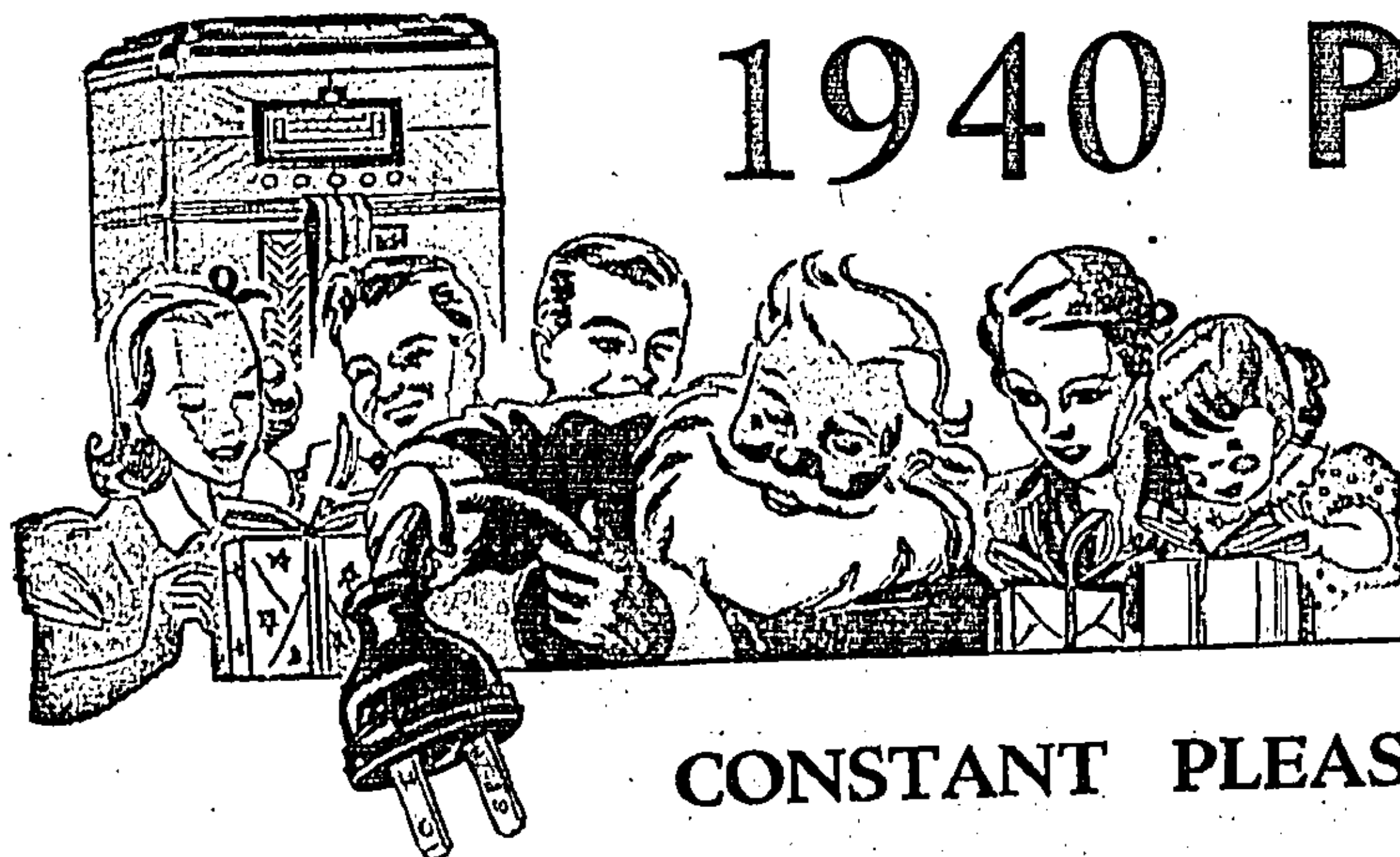
"Much as I think of a university education, I cannot see how that can be obtained in a university."

"I had no teaching as a production engineer. I started myself at the age of 15, and I had from that time onwards to glean what I could to carry on business."

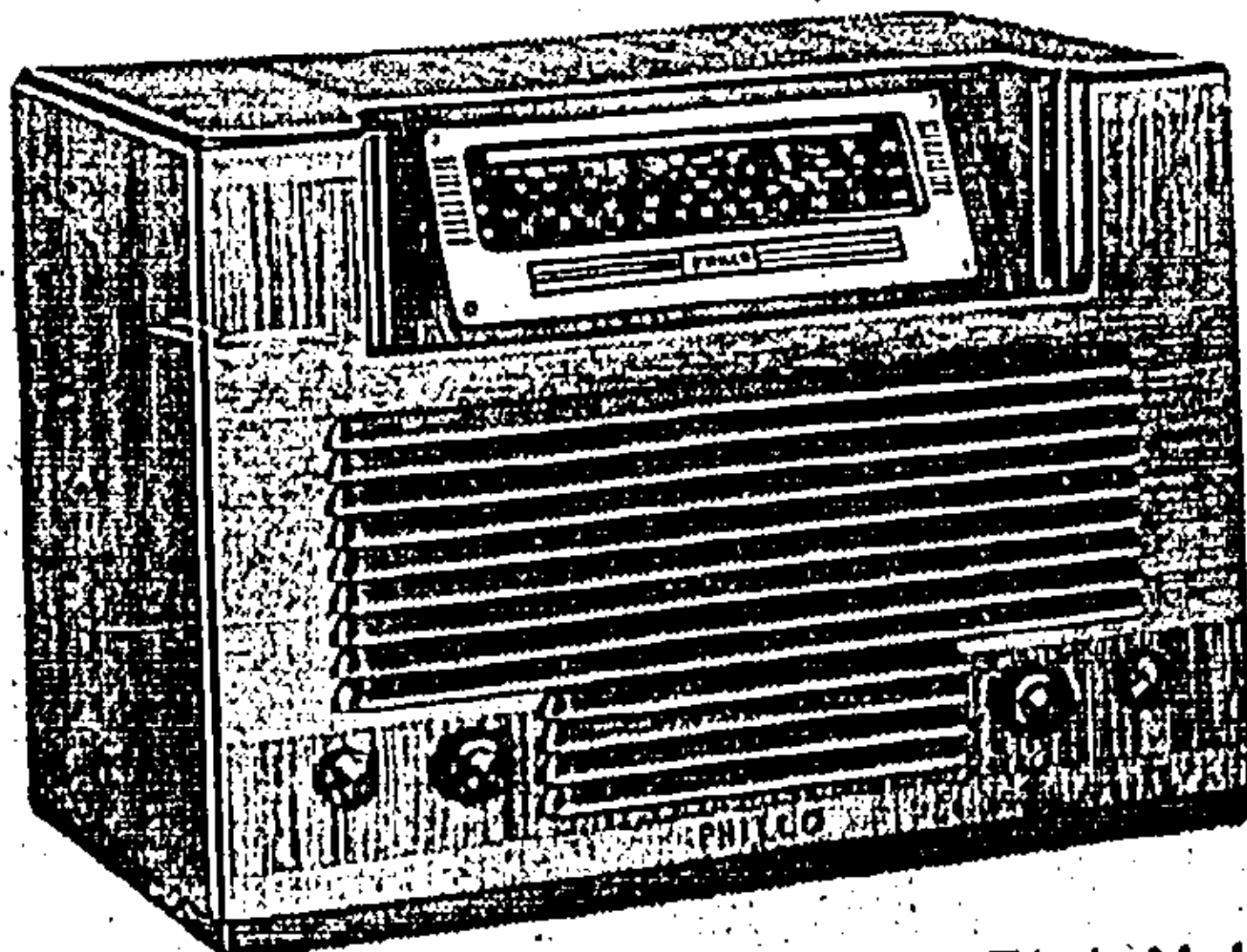
"If I had a son I would send him to a public school, and if he were going into any of the professions, a university education would be absolutely essential."

"But if he were going to become a production engineer, definitely not."

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Political Situation Brings Relief

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH", BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (UP).—The easing of the political situation in Belgium has been accompanied by an improvement in deliveries of Belgian products to neutral countries as a result of the speeding up of rail and shipping facilities.

Deliveries against orders placed before the outbreak of war are being worked off fairly rapidly, and the fresh demand for metals is clamorous.

Two Problems Remain

Two problems are not yet finally solved—the shortage of ore supplies and shortage of labour due to the mobilisation of more than 500,000 men.

The home demand for ore has expanded, but owing to defence orders which receive priority, the orders from private consumers are rationed. The best buyers are coal mines and engineering shops. Premiums of 20 francs per ton, or more, are being paid, especially for merchant bars.

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J. T. BAGRAM,

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1939.

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TREATIES WERE 'SCRAPS OF PAPER'

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League's discussions in the Finnish-Soviet conflict have been transmitted to the United States in view of the fact that that country is taking the initiative with the view to promoting a peaceful settlement.

Expulsion Now Certain. **SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**, PARIS, Dec. 13 (UP).—The most reliable French diplomatic circles affirm that the expulsion of the Soviets from the League of Nations is now certain.

They said the Allied delegations would explain their viewpoint fully following the vote next Thursday.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the optional of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 1210.	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 3000, Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	About 5,000	\$2

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2	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2146.	South West of New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1850 near Diamond Hill.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	About 26,100	\$180

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3	Island Lot No. 108.	Adjoining Island Building Lot No. 238, Island Road.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	About 27,500	\$65

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	INSURANCES	SHIPPING	DOCK & ETC.	MINING	LANDS	UTILITIES	INDUSTRIALS	STORES, &c.	COTTON MILLS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,330 b.	Canton \$.....220 n.	Douglas \$.....71 1/2 b.	Kailan \$.....17 n.	H.R. Gold \$.....10.50 n.	Hotels \$.....5.00 b.	China Lights (old) \$.....8.00 b.	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) \$.....14.00 n.	Dairy Farms (old) \$.....20.50 b.	Shai Cotton Sh. \$ ex. div. 162 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) \$.....252 n.	Union \$.....393 b.	Indo-China \$.....80 b.	Raub \$.....10.50 n.	Venz. Gold \$.....4 n.	Lands 4% Deb. \$.....1.00 n.	China Lights (new) \$.....4.75 b.	Cald. Macg. (Pref.) \$.....13 n.	Dairy Farms (new) \$.....19 1/4 b.	Shai Cotton Sh. \$ ex. div. 42 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) \$.....258 n.	China Underwriter \$.....1 1/2 n.	Indo-China \$.....80 b.	H.K. Fire \$.....100 n.	H.K. Mines \$.....4 cts. n.	Shai Lands Sh. \$.....10.40 n.	H.K. Electric \$.....62 1/2 b.	Cem. \$.....16.40 n.	Watson \$.....9.00 b.	Zong Sing Sh. \$.....42 n.
Chartered \$.....20 1/4 n.	Shells (Bearers) \$.....70 3/4 n.	Indo-China \$.....80 b.	East Asia \$.....73 b.		H.K. Realities \$.....4.40 b.	Macao Electric \$.....10 1/2 b.	H.K. Ropes \$.....5.50 b.	Lane, Crawford \$.....7 1/2 n.	Wing On (H.K.) \$.....41 n.
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Air Chief Newall Is Delighted

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The material at their disposal was excellent, said Sir Cyril, who added: "Look Like Colanders."

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H. T. Woo and K. L. Lul (King's) beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth 21-8; beat T. C. Kevan and T. A. Madar 21-8; beat E. Curtis and A. Zimmerman 21-3.

COMMON ALLIED 'EMPIRE' TO FIGHT MENACE OF NAZI DOMINATION

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lie to the German legend that the interests of the Allies are separate and to the propaganda seeking to divide them.

It is worth emphasising Paragraph 6 which states that the two governments will share certain items of expenditure.

"The contribution of the two governments is fixed on a basis to take due account of the national wealth of each."

"In general the French contribution is 40 per cent. and the British 60 per cent. of the total."

The intimate co-operation of the Allied Governments is supplemented by the close bonds of organised labour as illustrated by the first meeting in Paris to-morrow of the joint Anglo-French Trade Union Council, representing 10,000,000 Allied workers.

Repatriation of Capital

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH", PARIS, Dec. 13.—The "Official Journal" has published a modification of the decree covering French bank accounts and financial holdings abroad. Originally all French citizens abroad were required to declare such holdings by December 1. The time has now been extended to January 15, 1940.

The Ministry of Finance explained the move was caused by a fear the premature closing date would interrupt a heavy return of capital to France. Most of this capital could not be seized without a long, difficult process of checking accounts and instituting legal proceedings.

A joint report by Premier Daladier and Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, to President Lebrun recently stated that the "repatriation of capital since September 10 has grown so greatly that reserves have enabled the country to meet all foreign expenditures of the government thus far in the war."

NAZI SHIP TRAPPED

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strength has since been engaged in the search for the Deutschland and the still more elusive Admiral Scheer.

All the evidence has gone to show that the latter has entered Pacific Ocean waters, presumably to menace Antipodean shipping. The Deutschland is believed to be still in Arctic waters, where she sank the Rawalpindi.

Earlier reports this week stated that British battleships were stationed off Murmansk, attempting to prevent the Deutschland from entering that port.

"Reuter" Report

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Reports of a naval battle off the Uruguayan coast are carried in Argentinean newspapers, who quote their Monte Video correspondents.

The battle is reported to have been between the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Scheer and four British cruisers.

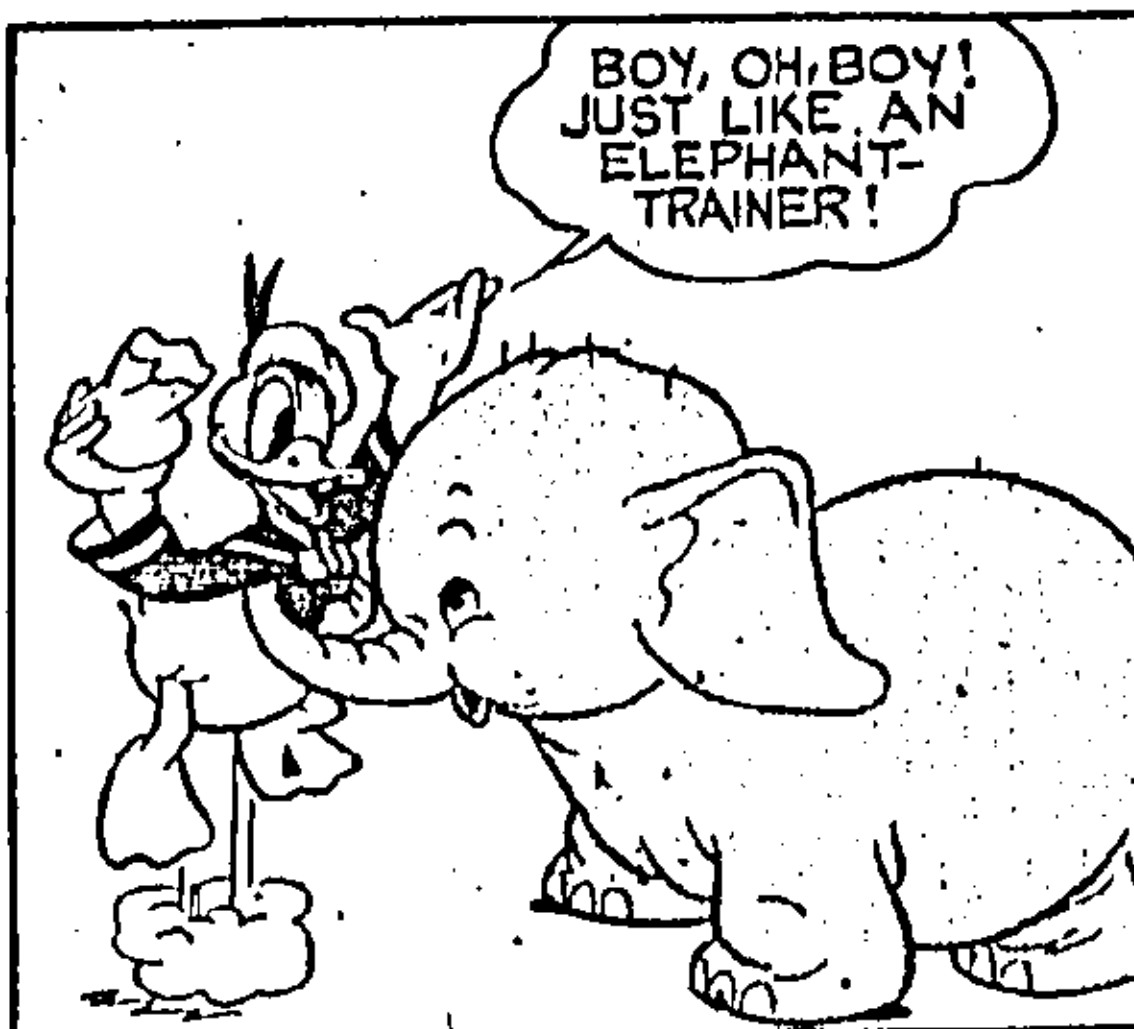
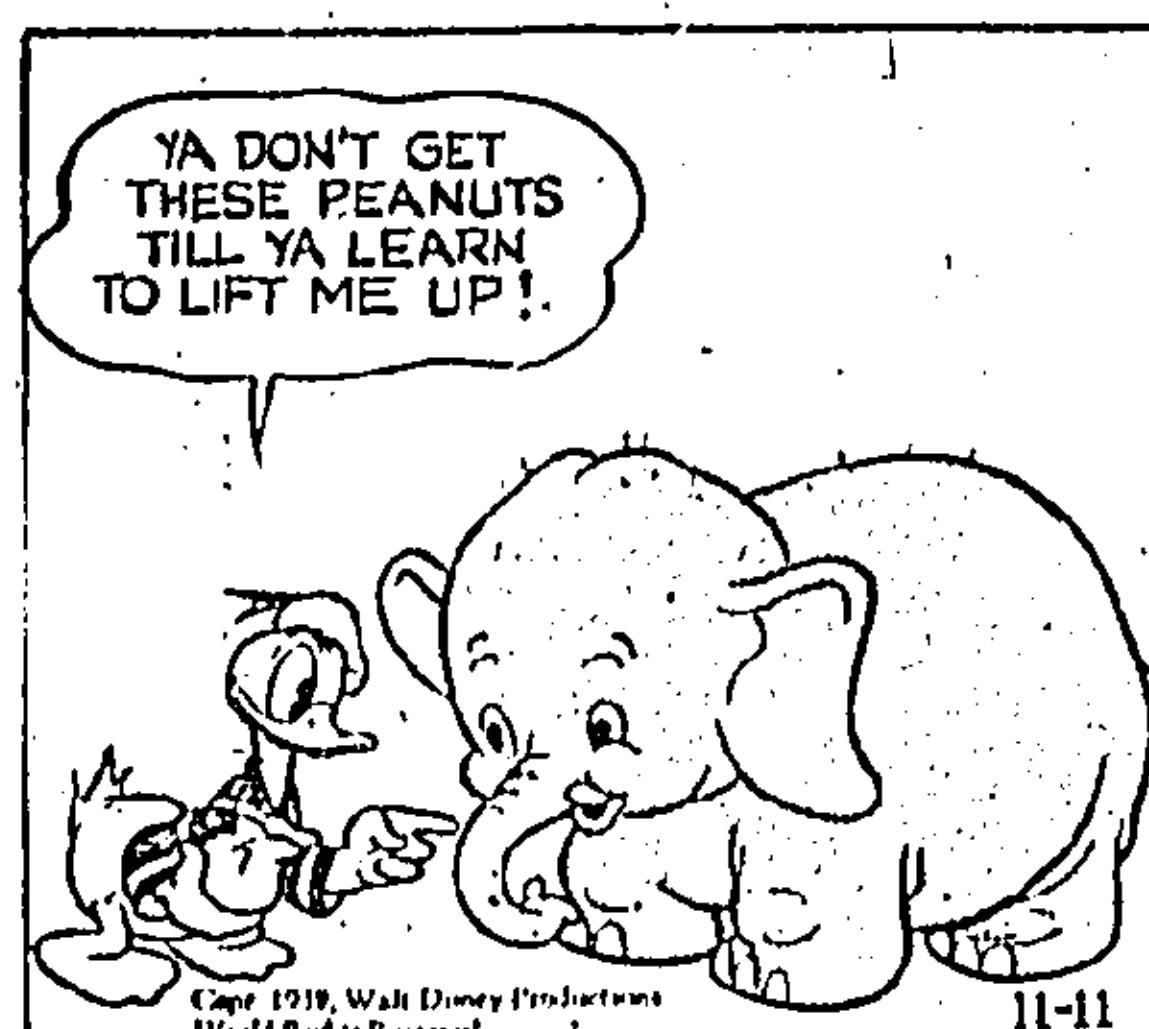
I.I.M.S. Achilles is reported to have been sunk in the encounter. (This is denied in official statements issued in Monte Video.—Ed.) There is as yet no confirmation from official circles.

The presence of the Admiral Scheer in South Atlantic waters has been definitely established by the arrival in Buenos Aires of the O.S.K. liner Buenos Aires Maru, whose captain reported passing the Nazi pocket battleship just before entering the Rio de la Plata estuary.

It will be recalled that the Admiralty recently hinted that three cruisers of the East Indies Station, the Ajax, Exeter and the Achilles were in the South Atlantic searching for the Admiral Scheer.

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THE 5TH A. A. HAS ITS BAPTISM

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scopes in the height-finder and predictor.

THERE is little need to dwell on the routine of Camp. It is well known to most people by now, but in the 5th A. A. Battery, from the Battery Commander down to the lowest Gunner there was a pleasant atmosphere of camaraderie. We were only eighty strong. We messed together, and there was only one canteen. Never for one moment was there any overwhelming feeling of inferiority.

Our Sergeant Major, S. M. Beddow, and our "Quarter-Block," as Q.M.S. Dudman was affectionately termed by our genial M.O., Capt. Selby, were not the irascible martinet that civilians are led to believe that such officers are. They were, actually, quite the reverse, for no matter how many little items of Camp duty they had on their hands, and there were quite a considerable number, there was always a genial word of advice for the enquirers.

There were the usual murmurs about food, but still it was put away in enormous quantities. The Orderly Officer's duty was a mere formality. The greatest need was for a bath. The weather was with us on this occa-



Hitler's "angry, irritable and indecisive mood," is well illustrated in this "Paris-Soir" cartoon. Goering is asking Goebbels, "Is this a map of the front line?" "No," answers Goebbels. "It's the old man's temperature chart."

SESSIONS CALENDAR

Following are the cases to be tried at the Criminal Sessions which begin to-morrow.

Wong Chau, manslaughter; Wai Mui, manslaughter; Wong Wing, So Man, Leung Sang and Ma Lai, possession of dangerous drugs; Chung Wan-ching, manslaughter; Wai Tin and Ho Hung, armed robbery in dwelling; Po So, Lo Yee, Po Fun and Po Kan, robbery; Au Kam-tan and Chiu Tung, possession of arms and ammunition; Cheng Pak-chung, uttering and possession of a forged bank-note, larceny by trick and conspiracy; Hui Sing-chu, Cheng Kiu and Kwok-shum, robbery; unlawful possession of arms and shooting with intent; and Tsang, Fok, Wong Chiu, Lau Yui, Li Man and Wan Wai, breach of the deportation order.

20 Years for Man Scorned By I.R.A. Comrade

STANDING in the dock at Liverpool Assizes, an I.R.A. man told Mr. Justice Stable that had it been known what sort of a record was possessed by the leader of an explosives conspiracy, he would not have been allowed to take part in I.R.A. activities.

He referred to Vincent Crompton, a 36-year-old seaman, who, the police disclosed, was not an Irishman at all—having been born in Manchester—and had been in the United States Army, the British Army and the International Brigade in Spain.

Crompton was sentenced to 20 years' penal servitude for conspiracy, possessing explosives, causing an explosion and attempting to cause an explosion.

To Clear Girl

The man who disowned him was Christopher Kennelly, 19-year-old labourer, who was sent to a Borstal institution for three years for conspiracy and causing an explosion.

John Carney (27), labourer, and George Whittaker (30), clerk, were each sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. Both were found guilty of conspiracy, Carney of causing an explosion and Whittaker of possessing explosives.

Crompton made a plea for Jean Dobson, 19-year-old milliner, who was found guilty of conspiracy and possessing explosives.

He said he had used the girl for the purposes of the I.R.A. and got her to pose as his wife to ally suspicion.

Whittaker said the girl was "quite innocent of anything in the nature of bombs."

Sentence on her was postponed. Terence O'Hanlon, a labourer, was acquitted on all charges and discharged.

"Frame-Up"

Sentencing Kennelly, the judge said: "This country is at war to establish the right of the individual to think as he thinks right."

"Do you really think that the best way to achieve what you honestly think is right—a united and independent Ireland—is to blow up pillar-boxes, pylons, bridges, post offices in a populous town, destroying letters and maybe lives?"

Kennelly said: "To-day England and France are united in the efforts to restore Poland and Czechoslovakia. They also say that they are saving the human race from aggression. No country under God's sun has suffered more from aggression than my country has."

"Crompton the judge said: 'You are not even Irish. For what motive you embarked on the series of abominable crimes of violence of which you are apparently rather proud I do not know. Your appreciation of the situation is rotten.'

CAMPAIGN OF HATE Nazi Bitterness Against Britain

THE HAGUE. Incidents of the unrest in the Greater Reich pass unnoticed in the German Press. Instead the papers are filled with reports about unrest in Wales and alleged anti-Jewish demonstrations in London.

"Britain must be destroyed" is now the watchword in Germany. The public is told that Britain and France are preparing a "second Versailles" and are determined on the partition of Germany in the event of an Allied victory.

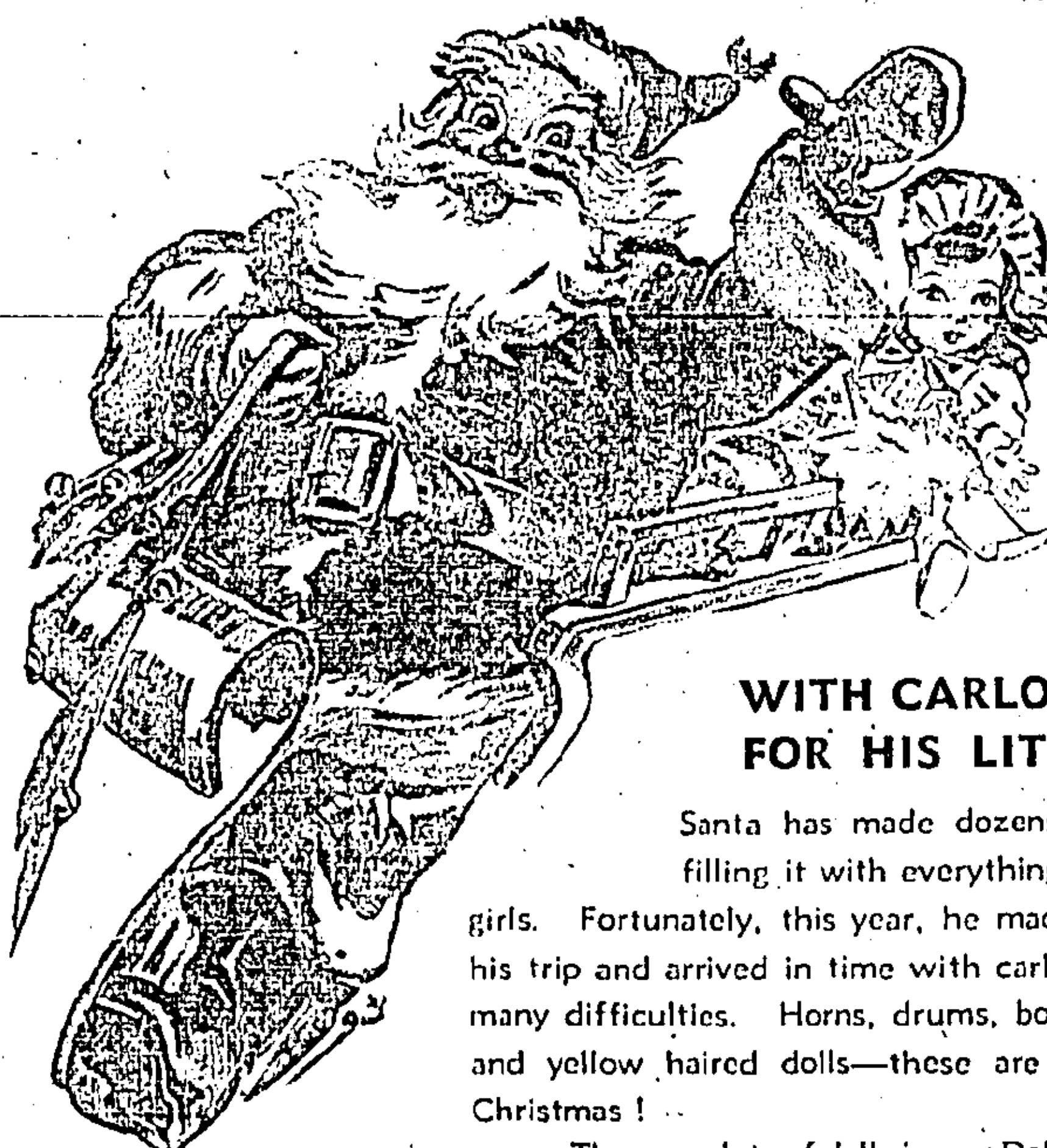
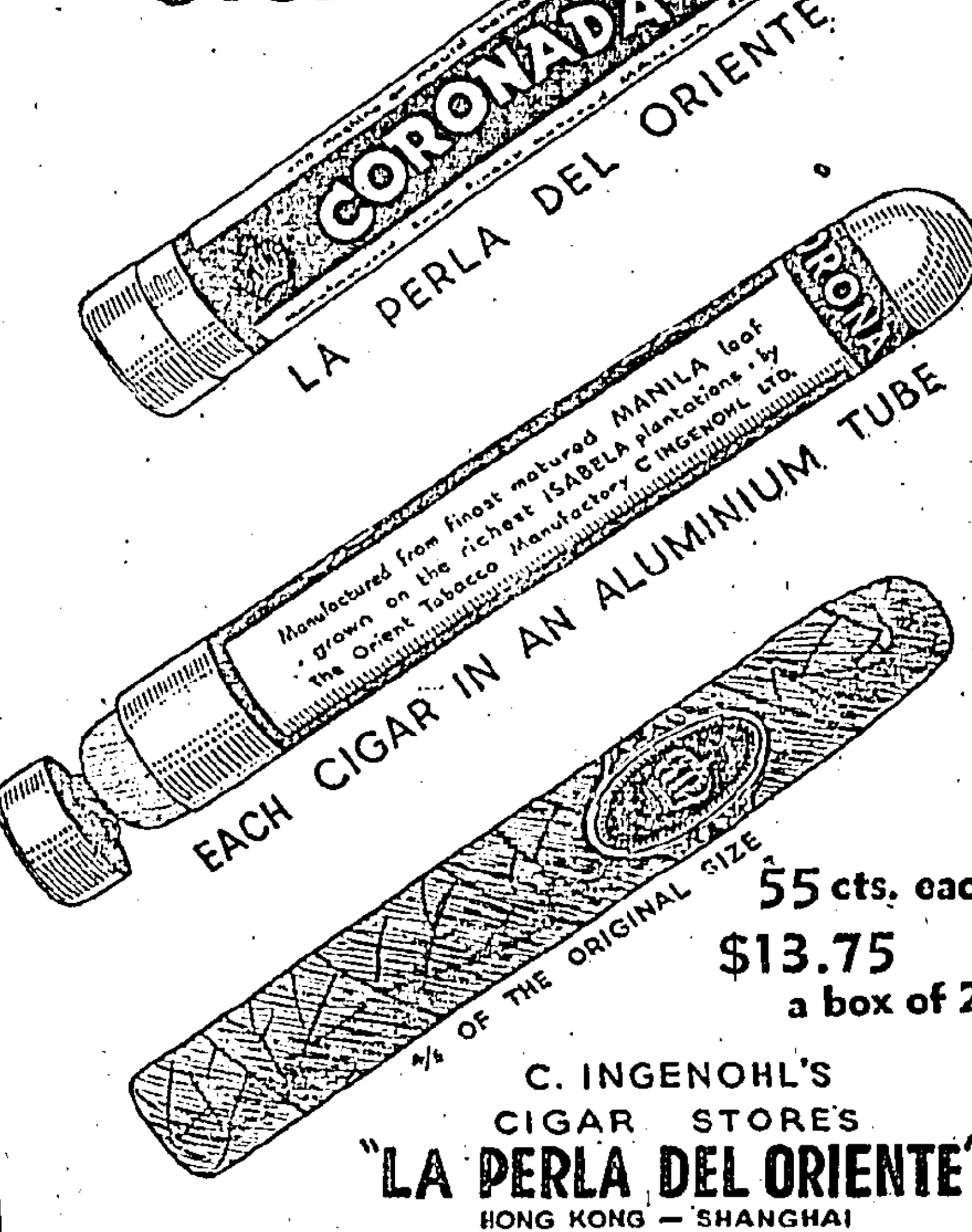
"With all the moral and material resources of a nation of 80,000,000 people," declares the "Westfaelische Landeszeitung" to-day, "we shall carry on the struggle against British world dominion and the German people will not lay down its arms until its goal has been reached. The tyranny of England must be broken and we shall break it. Let London take note of that."

The German Ministry of Agriculture reports a "new and great success in the fight against the British blockade."

Crops Above Average

The potato and sugar beet crops are, it is stated, well above the average. While the public is thus assured that Germany can never be starved out, figures recently published in the "Frankfurter Zeitung" give a less rosy picture of Germany's general foreign trade. The paper calculates that as a result of the war and the blockade Germany will lose 50.6 per cent. of her normal imports and 49.7 per cent. of her exports.

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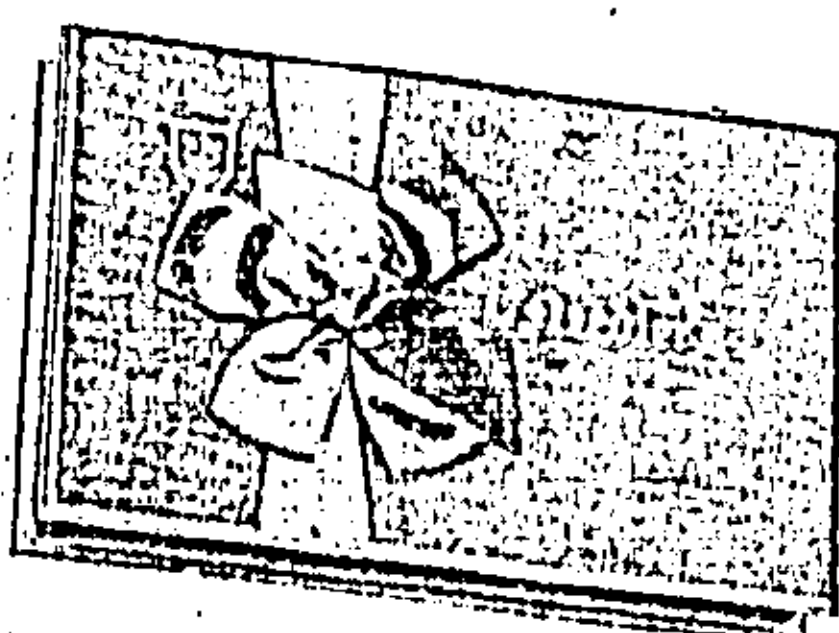
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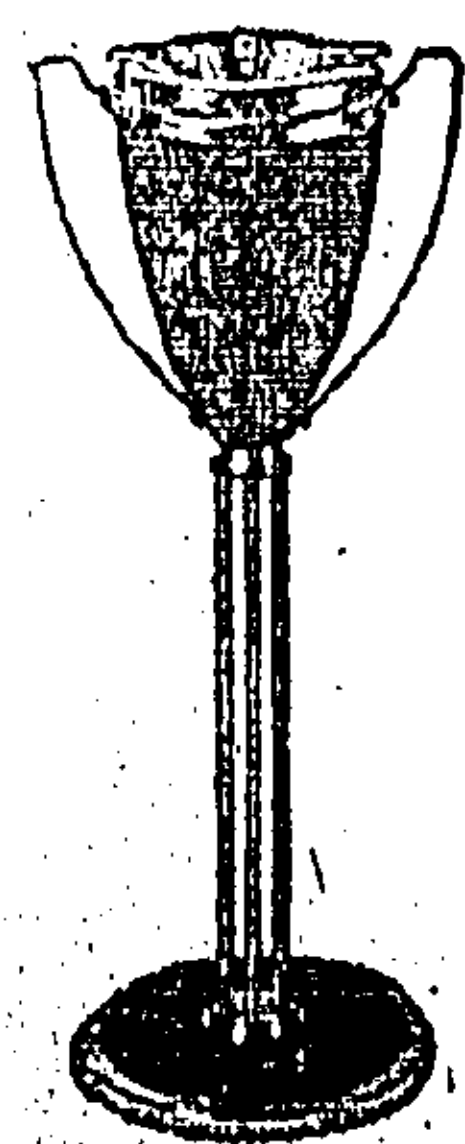


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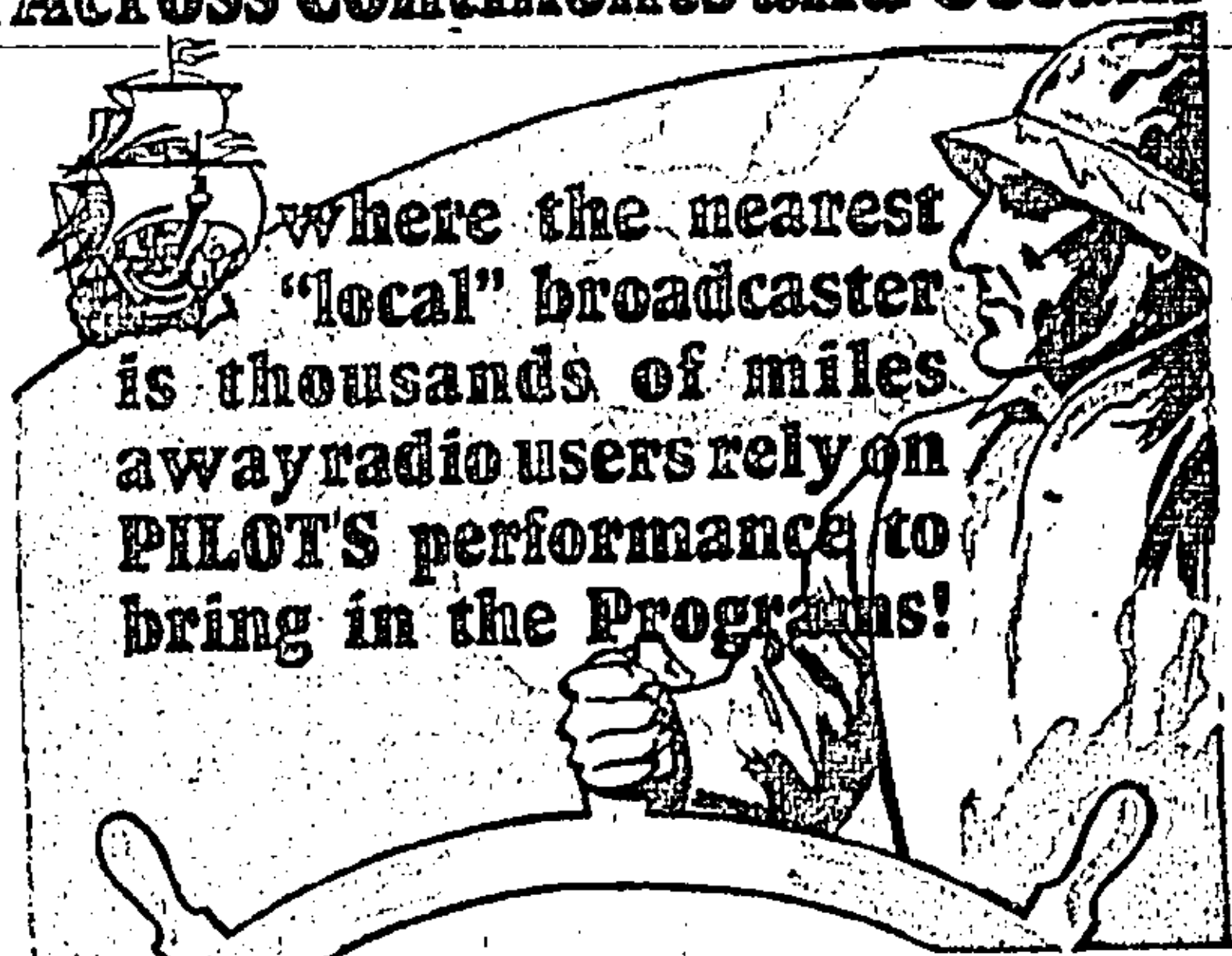
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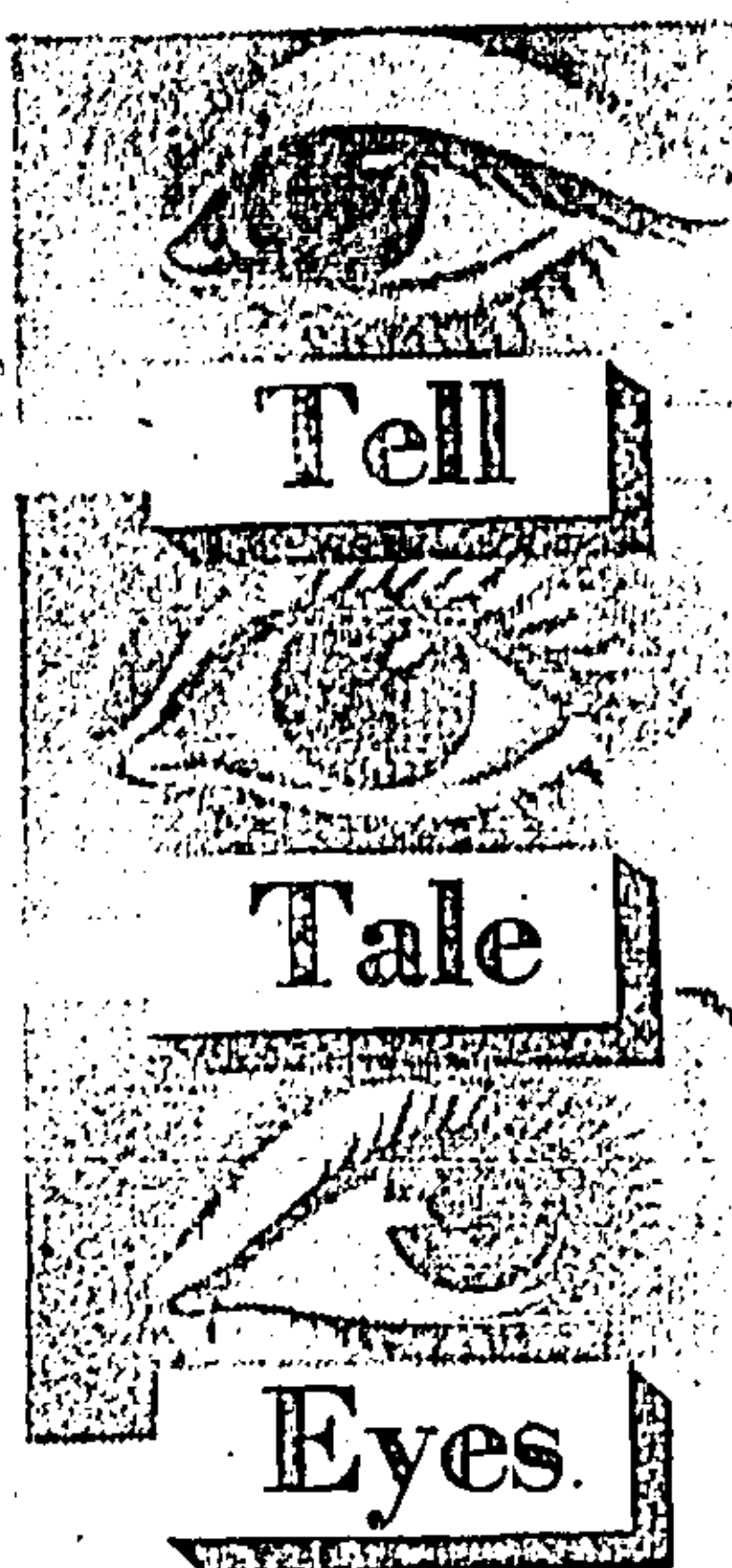
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War On Finland

It has only needed the League of Nations to complete the history of one of the most remarkable volte faces in history—the swing from all the pretty, fine ideas about resistance to aggression which Russia had for some years championed—and complained that we others did not sufficiently support.

The pact with Germany and the quickly succeeding invasion is naked expediency regardless of all right and wrong. Germany's war is Russia's opportunity. Russia desires Finnish territory for her own purposes. Therefore Finland's independence and integrity must be destroyed; she must be ruthlessly invaded; shells and bombs must be dropped on her peaceful towns. Thus the new Russia demonstrates the principles of her "policy" towards the small countries, towards the rules of international law and honest dealing, "with particular force."

Russia desires to secure herself against attack both on the Black Sea front and in the Baltic. She says that she fears for Leningrad; she is determined to make herself mistress, as indeed she is already, of the Gulf of Finland and hence of the whole Eastern Baltic. For this purpose she forced concessions from the Baltic States, which control the southern approaches to the Gulf. In the process, however smooth her words, she broke their independence; they are without powerful friends; they are completely at her mercy. Finland was of tougher stuff. Throughout the long negotiations that ended a few weeks ago she was conciliatory but firm. On some things she would yield but she would surrender nothing that could be used to destroy her independent life; she would not concede a base on her own mainland nor abandon the fortified positions opposite Leningrad on which her own defence depends. Therefore Russia, having determined to get her way even at the cost of war, has during the last ten days sought to make out a "case" against the victim. The model was Nazi, the limitation poor. The Finnish people number three and a half millions, which is about the size of Leningrad; the Russians are more than 150,000,000. But the Finns, it seems, were plotting to make war on mighty Russia. What is more, they were brutally attacking the Russian Army along the frontier. Nor did the Finnish lamb show its teeth out of the mere viciousness innate in the species, though that would have been bad enough. It had surrendered itself to the evil promptings of "Imperialism," Britain, and everywhere that Britain went the lamb was sure to go. This being the official nursery tale, all the attempts of Finland to offer peaceful measures were rejected out of hand. The frontier disputes could have been investigated, arbitration could have been invoked. Finland offered both and was refused. The United States was ready to mediate and said so; that escape also from the brutality of war was rejected at Moscow. History does not contain a clearer case of "unprovoked aggression."

The King IS 44 To-day

HERE IS HIS BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE:

King George the Sixth was born at five past three in the morning on December 14, 1895. Libra was rising in his birth chart, giving him an even temperament, a strong sense of justice, and a well-balanced mind.

At his birth Jupiter, his ruling planet, was on the meridian, a very fortunate augury for people born at that time.

Sagittarians (and the King appears to be a typical subject) are independent people, instinctively on the side of the down-trodden and oppressed, and they can be very outspoken too when their feelings are roused.

The sun and Mercury in the King's sign bestow a democratic and philanthropic outlook.

The 5th A. A. Has Its Baptism

"ACTION . . . PLANE . . . Height control," roars the G.P.O., pointing to the sky. "Height-finder on target." "Predictor on target." "Height nine-five hundred." "Height nine-five hundred set."

"Vertical steady . . . Lateral steady." "FIRE!" "Fuze one-six." And in seven or eight seconds the first shell is on its way to meet the oncoming plane; the whole taking hardly more time than it takes to read these words.

THE 5th A.A. Battery of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps went into Camp at Shek-O on December 2, and stayed for one week, but in that short period proved their worth beyond even the expectations of their most enthusiastic Battery Commander.

As one of the gunners of the Battery, it is difficult to write of this Camp without opening myself to an accusation of self-praise, but this can be scouted at the outset when I say that in A.A. Gunnery an individual is useless as an individual for ensuring the efficiency of his Section, for this is dependent mainly on team-work.

Each of the thirty-odd men who compose the Section is working in conjunction with and is dependent on the collective action of the others. An error by one nullifies the work of the others, and the results are shown in the sky.

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WE were "paper" gunners who went to Shek-O on December 2. Most of our training had been on imaginary targets with imaginary shells.

It was impossible to foretell how we would show up in a baptism of fire.

Our first test came on Tuesday, the day on which His Excellency the Governor paid us a visit.

At 10.30 a.m., a silvery speck appeared in the sky (a plane from the Far East Flying Training School, whose members, together with the Volunteer Air Arm, have been so helpful in flying for us).

The Regulars' unit from the 7th A.A. Battery, R.A., opened up with Short Burst Ammunition to inure the recruits to the sharp crack and behaviour of the guns. This S.B. ammo. does what its name implies, and bursts half-way, or thereabouts, between the target and the guns. The plane is safe, but the bursts in the sky reveal accuracy.

It was our first time of firing, and it was well done.

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THE real test, however, was during the afternoon, when full charge shells were

used on a "sleeve" towed by an R.A.F. plane. We were, in a pearing within effective area of way, fortunate in the weather, for it was bright and warm, but the cloudless sky did not make it easier for the "spotting" of the target.

those puffs of white smoke appeared. In the concentration of our tasks, most of us were able to semi-disregard the disconcerting noises issuing from the guns.

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RESULTS. Ours were just as satisfactory as those of the Regulars' section.

But better was to come!

We were more than eager for our second "go" on Wednesday, and we showed an improvement on the previous day's firing. The G.O.C., His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, was present, and his words of praise at the end of the day gave us a pardonable glow. But most pleasant of all were the congratulations of our R.A. instructors.

They had put in a lot of extra time into our training, and it was most gratifying to feel that we had not let them down.

We were unable to wangle drinks out of our officers that evening, but we know that their satisfaction was equal to our own.

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SO much for the "day" shooting.

Our first essay at night firing was not so successful, but it was not discouraging. The atmosphere was heavy and damp, and the searchlight beams were like columns of solid white stone. At the junction of the beams was a tiny dot which was the plane.

Actually, when the plane first flew over with only navigation lights showing, it was easier to spot and follow with the telescope.

PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

LONDON DIARY

Air Mail News
From Home

DR. F. W. ROUTLEY, Canada's Red Cross Commissioner, arrived in London last night from Toronto with his wife.

He has come to discuss the arrangements for the Canadian Red Cross organisation in England with Mr. R. B. Bennett, who recently undertook its chairmanship.

Mr. Bennett is now working in his offices in the Savoy, but his organisation is still in a skeleton stage. It is not likely to get much further until the Chancery Forces actually come over here in several months' time.

Plans, however, have now been completed for the large one-storey hospital which the Canadians are to build on a ten-acre site presented by Lord Astor at Cliveden.

Managing The Party

THE American broadcaster says that the Premier sees Captain Morgeson, the Government Chief Whip, every morning at 11 o'clock. They discuss the management of the Conservative Party.

I should say myself that Mr. Chamberlain has more serious matters to dispose of at 11 a.m. than the behaviour of his faithful followers. The Conservative Party have never been easier to handle than at this moment.

Visiting War Zone

MR. GILBERT MILLER is one of the privileged Americans who are given permission by their Government to visit the "belligerent zone" of England.

The reason is that he has theatrical interests to look after.

Mr. Miller has been here for ten days and is leaving to-day for New York. He refuses to allow the war to interfere with his business planning. And he proposes to return to London as soon as possible after the New Year.

Indeed, his interests in London began in war-time. For the first play he put on here was "Daddy Long-Legs" in 1916.

In Italy Now

He came to England this time by way of Genoa and Rome. He found Italy determined in her neutrality. But there was at the same time strong friendship for England and comparatively little for Germany.

To one porter he said: "The last time I was here the Fuehrer was visiting Rome."

"Our great friend," said the porter—and spat expressively on the ground.

Big Debate

THE House of Lords is expecting a busy first week of the new session.

On Wednesday Lord Addison is drawing attention to unnecessary interferences by Government departments with the lives and businesses of individuals. His motion is expected to lead to the first important Lords debate of the war. It may last two days.

When Parliament is opened on Tuesday the Address will be moved by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cork and seconded by Field Marshal Lord Milne.

In the first Parliamentary session of the last war it was the junior, not the senior service which enjoyed this honour. The address was moved by Field-marshal Lord Methuen, and seconded by Lord Bryce.

Lord Cork does not often find time to attend the Lords debates, but he was in his place this week, a stern ginger-headed figure in naval uniform, when the Government statement was made on the reprisals against German mine-laying.

Private Inge

DR. INGE's views on war are vigorously pacifist. He believed in 1914 that we should have remained neutral.

He maintains now that this war is a mistake, and can only open the way for Communism.

All his family, however, do not share his views. And his opinions do not interfere at all with his pride in being the father of Private Edward Inge.

Mr. Edward Inge returned home from the Sudan to enlist, having obtained leave from his plantation syndicate with considerable difficulty. And he is now in the Royal Army Service Corps.

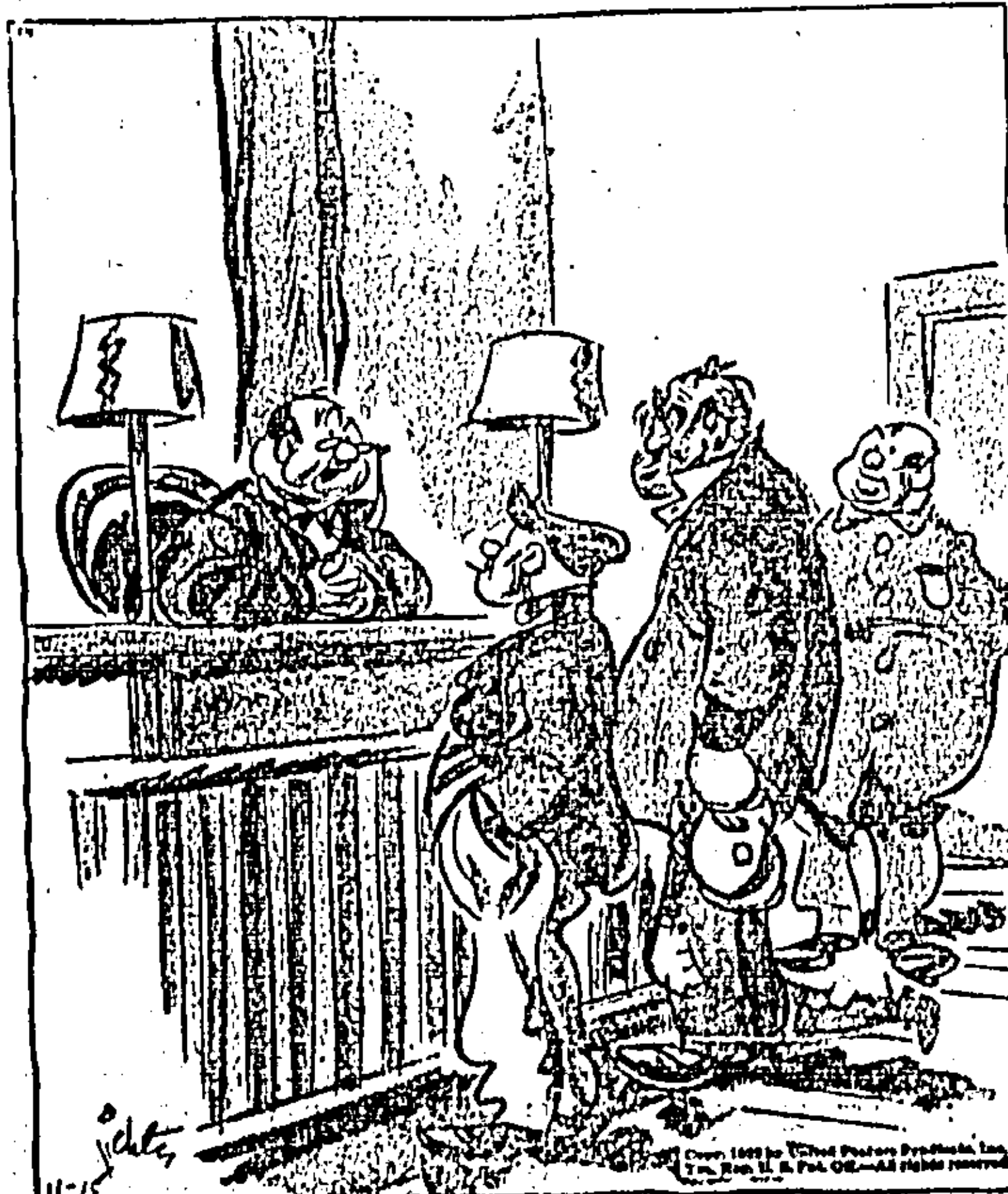
Enjoyment

After 15 years of devoted attention from native servants, Mr. Inge might be expected to take little pleasure in the tasks of washing up and scrubbing floors. Yet, it is said, he has declared that he has never been so happy.

Dr. Inge has two other sons and a daughter. The eldest son is with the Burmah Shell Oil Company, and works in Bombay. He is an expert airman, but is not allowed to enlist.

The third son is a curate in a large parish near Leeds, and Miss Inge is a hospital nurse.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Do you plead not guilty to assault and battery, or do you care to boast?"

COUNTER ATTACKS

Finns Seek To Break Russian Lines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 13, (UP).—Reinforcements have been rushed to the eastern and central fronts. Military officials indicate that preparations are being made for a determined stand to stall the Russian drive towards the Gulf of Bothnia.

The withdrawal of Finnish troops from the central front is designed to draw the Russians out of their position in preparation for counter-attacks.

Despatches from Copenhagen said the counter-attacks have already started with some success in the Salla sector, on the northern wing of the central front.

There is no indication of diminution of confidence in the main defence lines on the Karelian Isthmus or on the eastern front, despite reports that Russia has moved up huge reinforcements.

The Finns claim that they are subjecting the invaders to devastating fire as they try to advance towards the Gulf of Bothnia across the open country and through unfamiliar forests.

Although the Finns claimed heavy Russian losses so far, no Finnish casualty list has been published. The Finnish spokesman explained, "It would be no use; none would believe that the losses have been so small."

The Finns claimed an important victory in mid-Finland, where they are trying to stall the Russians. They claim to have killed above 2,300 Russians in the Tolvaivert sector.

A Finnish war bulletin reports that five planes, flying above the clouds last Tuesday, bombed Hangoe and the Tammisaari Islands in the Gulf of Finland.

The extent of damage is not disclosed.

Finns Make Big Gains
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—It is unofficially reported that the Finnish advance at Tolvaivert, mentioned in a Finnish communiqué, has been very considerable.

It is said that the Finnish troops are pushing rapidly towards the Russian frontier.

Other unconfirmed reports are that the Finns have retaken Pikkari on the northern shore of Lake Ladoga, and also Suomussalmi and Salla, the key-point of the northern front.

If the last-named is true, it indicates the great success of the Finnish counter-offensive, for the Russians had planned to make Salla their base and headquarters.

Furious Fighting
LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Although it is obvious that the Soviet forces in the far North and in the south are being strongly held, the position in the centre is far from clear.

Soviet troops are making a determined effort with mechanized columns to cut Finland in two at the narrowest part by driving through to the Gulf of Bothnia.

Rome and Swedish reports say that there is furious fighting at a point 130 miles from the Soviet frontier, but the reports are not believed in H. Langford, where it is said that such a rapid advance across trackless waters is "out of the question."

Finnish planes have been very active, and 12 miles of railway on the main line from Murmansk to Leningrad have been destroyed by bombs.

British Planes For Finns
LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Sir Kingsley Wood, the Minister for Air, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the British Government has decided to grant export licences to a British firm to enable it to send aircraft to Finland.

Annual For Gas Masks
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Finnish Government is requesting permission of the United States to use the U.S. Army's latest gas masks.

The masks are still on the secret list.

Finnish Claims
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 13 (UP).—A Finnish communiqué states: "On the sea, in the Kouvola sector, our coastal batteries again sent a salvo to the land forces by concentrated bursts of artillery fire."

"On Lake Ladoga, our coast batteries broke up enemy detachments along the coast roads."

"In the Saunamäki section the coastal batteries also drove back an enemy transport and ship detachments."

Russians Take Island
ROME, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—According to a Helsinki Telegram, the Russians have occupied the island of Maunari in Lake Ladoga, but their progress in the Karelian front is insignificant.

The Finns are still holding Suomussalmi, about 17 miles from the frontier in Finland's "wasp waist," despite repeated Russian attacks.

According to the telegram, the Russians are desperately trying to cut Finland in two and sever her communications with Sweden.

Danger Of New War
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Cheers greeted Sir Kingsley Wood's statement that the Government had decided to grant licences to allow the export of aircraft to Finland.

PLANES TO "SPOT" MINES

Security Patrols Over North Sea

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A German communiqué reports the presence of British planes over Germany as being in connection with the return of the Bremen.

The Nazis have obviously construed this with the security patrols now being maintained over Germany in connection with the aeroplane-minelayers.

The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. have been carrying out security patrols only over the North Sea and over the bases from which these planes set out, notably the islands of Sylt and Borkum.

The planes have encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire but nevertheless the performance of the operations has been successful.

Swedish Ship Sinking
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Swedish steamer, Abol, 980 tons, struck a mine near the German mainland off the south Swedish coast. Swedish warships are rushing to her aid.

Anglo-Soviet Parleys

White Paper To Tell The Real Facts

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Britain is preparing a White Paper showing the course of the abortive negotiations with the Soviet Government.

This revelation was made in the House of Commons today by the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The White Paper is being prepared by Lord Halifax, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, under whose initiative the negotiations were conducted.

"The White Paper is now in preparation," Mr. Chamberlain said. "This necessarily will take some time, but the Paper will be laid before the House as soon as possible."

Monetary War In Full Swing

Allies' Advantages Recapitulated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—"If the military war is barely outlined, the monetary war is in full swing," said M. Paul Reynaud, the French Finance Minister, addressing the Chamber today.

He added: "The democracies will win, but only at the price of sacrifices, of which they perhaps have no idea as yet."

But compared with Germany, the democracies are in a much stronger position.

A Sign For The Future
Dealing with Government measures regarding foreign exchange, Mr. Reynaud stated that since the beginning of the war, 31 milliard francs had been repatriated and the Exchange Equalisation Fund, despite huge purchases abroad, was higher than at the beginning of the war.

Emphasizing the huge resources of the Allies, Mr. Reynaud asked: "Ought we not to make a real partnership for this great common adventure of war and even think of prolonging it after the war, so that it might be the starting point for a reconstruction eagerly expected by Europe?"

Breach Action Withdrawn

Plaintiff Does Not Proceed With Case

When the breach of promise case instituted by Molly Cheung came up before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court this morning, the prosecuting solicitor applied for a withdrawal of the case.

Plaintiff claimed \$1,000 damages, alleging failure on the part of defendant, to carry out a promise to marry her following the birth of a child.

Mr. M. A. da Silva acted for plaintiff and Mr. F. E. Nash for defendant. Previously, Mr. da Silva said the case was founded on three promises of marriage dating back to May, 1937.

This morning Mr. Silva addressed His Lordship: "I have instructions from my client that this matter has been settled and to apply for a withdrawal of this case. There will be no order for costs."

His Lordship: "You merely wish me to record settlement?"

Mr. Nash: "Withdrawn, my Lord. His Lordship: Very good. Withdrawn and no order for costs."

badly needed supplies from the purpose of the present war."

Sir Kingsley Wood gave no answer when Mr. Strauss asked whether there was danger of this action involving this country in another war.

WESTERN FRONT

ARTILLERY EXCHANGE

Sudden Activity In Several Areas

PARIS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—After a spell of comparative calm, the Western Front has suddenly become very active, although the activity has not yet gone beyond the stage technically known as "strong patrols."

The Germans sent out numerous patrols along nearly the whole front on Monday, and these were especially busy east of the Moselle and between the Warndt Forest and the Saar.

In the latter region, where German patrols were most numerous, there were no less than three raids accompanied by the usual artillery.

Fire was aimed to demoralize the posts attacked and to prevent the arrival of reinforcements.

The French artillery replied with artillery fire, hammering the attackers. One French patrol withdrew but re-occupied the post at dawn yesterday, so the net German result is nil.

Other posts resisted, and there was heavy local fighting with much hand-grenade throwing.

The French protected their posts with artillery barrages and machine-gun fire, and the German eventually were obliged to retire, leaving many dead on the field.

Nazi Wheat Rotting

New Food Problem Presents Itself

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The "Daily Telegraph" reports that the effects of the blockade and the Russian failure to deliver even one-fifth of the grain supplies promised have compelled Germany to resort to her grain reserves earlier than expected.

The stocks stored in churches, synagogues and emergency warehouses are found to be in a very bad condition.

The depots at Hamburg, Berlin, Nuremberg are so bad that an investigation has been ordered throughout the country.

10% Of Stocks Affected
It is revealed that 10 per cent. of the emergency stocks are affected. All the grain has been stored more than six months. Therefore it is being handed out before it becomes wholly unfit for consumption.

Hence the decision of the Government under that bread must contain a minimum three per cent. of potato and flour.

The German public, however, is being told that the extra supplies are due to the fact that the warehouses are overflowing.

Successful Convoying

Achievements Of The British System

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Authoritative circles in London emphasise the efficiency and wide extent of the British convoy system, which gives the protection of powerful units of the British Navy to neutral merchant vessels trading with Britain.

The safe arrival of hundreds of convoys vessels does not constitute news, precisely because it is not sensational evidence of the strength of the British Navy, but only the normal process of international trade.

Absurd Assertion
The recent sinkings of British and neutral vessels, on the contrary, are of sensational news value used by German propaganda in an attempt to prove that the convoy system is not safe for neutrals, whereas neutral ship-owners, whose ships arrive safely week after week, know this assertion to be absurd.

Neutrals charter their ships to the British Government to travel in convoys because it is easier for German submarines to torpedo unaccompanied ships than to attack a convoy and risking depth charges from the escorting vessels.

NAZI GOODS FOR BALTIC STATES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
KAUNAS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Germany is making the greatest efforts to increase her exports to the Baltic states, following the institution of the Allied stoppage of her overseas exports.

Lithuania is inundated with offers of German goods.

COMMUNAL RIOTS

One Dead And 115 Injured

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—One life has been lost as a result of Monday's communal rioting at Jubbulpore, in central India. One hundred and fifteen persons were injured.

A German news agency put out the list of dead as "over one hundred."

Among other wild statements emanating from Jubbulpore (the British short-wave broadcasting station) are allegations regarding working conditions for women, etc.

Women, said Zeesen last night, work twelve hours a day in coal mines. In actual fact, women are not permitted to work underground.

Mr. Jinnah's Statement
NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Jinnah, leader of the All-India Muslim League, who is involved in an acute issue with Gandhi at the moment, to-day issued a long statement in which he demanded that the Royal Commission should examine the treatment of minorities in India by the Congress Ministries.

Wants Royal Commission
BOMBAY, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, in a lengthy statement reiterating the charges against Congress Ministries in connection with their treatment of minorities, demanded the appointment of a Royal Commission by the British Government.

This, he added, should be composed of a purely judicial personnel with High Court judges under the chairmanship of one of the Law Lords of the Privy Council.

OUR "Secret Weapon"

Moral Power Of Good Intentions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A striking tribute to the work of the Navy and merchant seamen was paid by Lord Chatfield, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, speaking in London to-day.

Lord Chatfield said that Germany was not to her army to break the Maginot Line or to her air force to terrorise the people of these islands, she was trusting to blockade us into surrender by the illegal use of the submarine and mine.

Going To Fail Again
She was going to fail once more. "For this we have to be grateful to two things—restraint of our merchant seamen to be cowed by brutality, and the fighting efficiency of our Navy."

Referring to the "devoted scientists and the technical Navy officers, who in co-operation, have produced the anti-submarine and other weapons the Navy is wielding to-day," Lord Chatfield said that a child swimming in shallow-intested waters was in no more unpleasant position than a submarine approaching British shores to-day.

Foundations Of Victory
"By defeating the efforts of the enemy to stop the use of the seas by the merchantmen of all countries, we are laying the foundations of victory, and so we shall ensure the safe conduct by the Allies of all other military operations."

Lord Chatfield added that if ever there had been the cause of right against wrong, and of good intention against evil intention, surely that was our cause to-day.

That was "our secret weapon"—the incalculable advantage we possessed over our enemy, a weapon that Germany has denied and one which she cannot counter or use against us.

Ministry For The Success Of Britain
Lord Chatfield, who is the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, also spoke about the work of his department.

He admitted that he was not well-known to the general public and that the Ministry is "almost equally an enigma."

Only a day or so ago, he received a letter addressed to the "Ministry for the Success of Britain."

He passed it on to—well, he passed it on.

The Ministry, he said, was concerned with collaboration of strategy and politics.

Close Collaboration
There is now such a collaboration through the War Cabinet which sits almost daily.

This collaboration is also just as effective with the Allies.

Before the war they were in close touch with France, so that when war started they had a Supreme War Council ready to operate instead of taking three years needed during the Great War.

There are Anglo-French staffs working in Whitehall.

He had heard it said "that the war was not started yet." This, he said, was not the view of the sailors. Germany is trusting in illegal war at sea but "it will fail."

Halifax Entertained

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Spanish Ambassador entertained Lord Halifax at luncheon to-day. The guests included the Belgian and Turkish Ambassadors.

THE BREMEN

SUBMARINE APPLAUDED

Nazi Liner's Escape Aided By Law

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—No official information is yet available as to whether an attempt was made by the British submarine to take the Bremen as a prize.

The German version is that the submarine attempted to attack.

Lord Strabolgi, formerly Lieut. Comdr. Kenworthy, who was on the Admiralty Staff in the last war, upholds the action of the submarine commander in not torpedoing the Bremen.

"We are fighting this war to ensure international law. If there were German aeroplanes in the vicinity, the submarine could not come to the surface and she was precluded by international law from torpedoing the Bremen out of hand while submerged."

"This shows that as commerce controllers, submarines are unsuitable unless established international law is disregarded."

"The Bremen, however, is of no more use to Germany in a German harbour than she was at Murmansk."

"She is too large to arm as a cruiser, too expensive in fuel and too large to act as a transport."

Lord Strabolgi added that the Bremen had much in her favour in eluding British warships because of the long nights and the possibility of using Norwegian territorial waters.

Another Ship Escapes
LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Norddeutscher Lloyd announces the safe arrival of the liner Bremen at Bremerhaven, and it is claimed that another German liner, New York, has reached Hamburg from Murmansk.

Nazi Finance Setback
Capital Reserves Now Nearly Exhausted

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that the "Economist" draws attention to the vast increase in private capital issues in Germany since the outbreak of war.

The total industrial capital issues since the end of August considerably exceed 600,000,000 marks for railway whereas, in the whole of 1938, private industrial issues only amounted to 107,000,000 marks.

The "Economist" comments that these developments are very important, showing:

1.—That the existing reserve capacity of German industry is almost exhausted, especially that of the electricity industry, railway and rolling stock. Renewals, replacements and extensions are so long delayed that it is now unavoidable to divert extensive resources to the large scale capital works;

2.—That the controlled policy of direct State financing of necessary industrial projects has been abandoned.

Nazi extremists are thus defeated and the capital of the market is freed for private industrialists.

Government Criticised

Swedes Not Fully Satisfied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—There is some criticism in the Swedish press of the new Coalition Government formed by Premier Hansson.

The "Tidningen" says that it is a clever move to cover up the differences of opinion between Premier Hansson and his Foreign Minister, M. Sandler (who is no longer in the Government).

Many Disappointed
The "Dagens Nyheter" says that many are disappointed that the demand for direct intervention in Finland finds no expression in the policy of the new government.

It should be clear that M. Sandler's departure has no connections with German press attacks.

The Government statement notes the wishes of Swedes to help Finland, but puts forward the defence of neutrality as one of the predominant interests of the new cabinet.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

CHARITY GAMES AT KING'S PARK

High Standards In Games To Aid British War Organisation Fund

GENIAL WEATHER was associated with the Mainland v. Island women's match at King's Park last Sunday in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. The result of the game—Mainland 2, Island 1—was in keeping with my expectation. Moreover, the game was contested at a furious pace, and very even.

There was no score in the first half, but the Island might well have done so had their inside forwards, Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Dalziel, not been unlucky or had followed up with more speed and dash. The scoring of the first goal by Miss Purves, in the second half, however, gave them a strong pull, and Mainland supporters have elevated their eyebrows.

Up to this period the Mainland halves were very unsettled—the usual big game excitement, mis-hitting, half hitting and plenty of over anxiety. Soon after, the Mainland attack came into their own, and the forwards showed far more activity in their short passing.

Miss D. McCaw, Miss Harker and Miss Marr, tipped the ball from stick to stick quickly, and the halves participated in the rapid following-up. Miss Marr, who is so fleet of foot, got well past Mrs. Strage, and tapped the ball to Miss Harker, who in turn fluffed it across the goalmouth. Miss H. Reid dashed in and placed the ball magnificently into the net to equalise. After their brilliant start, the pace set by the Island forwards slowed down a lot in the last half as was to be anticipated, and though they frequently worked the ball up to the circle, their efforts were frustrated there by Miss G. White and Mrs. Gilmore, or checked by a save from Miss June Hall, who did really well for her first big match.

THE WINNING GOAL

THIS lack of sting amongst the Island forwards in the final stages was noticeable, whilst on the other hand the Mainland attack, who worked with more thrust and dash, eventually obtained the winning goal. Miss Marr again took possession and sent a nice pass in to Miss D. McCaw, the latter tested Mrs. Lunson with a full-blooded drive, which was well stopped—the ever-ready Miss Reid once again dashed through to give her side victory, before Mrs. Lunson could recover.

Prominent Features Of The Game

MISS K. POCOCK gave a bright display at centre-half for the Island, she tackled splendidly, and fed her forwards with nice flick passes. The wing halves, Mrs. Stone and Miss B. Greaves, were great spoils, with Mrs. Stone the better of the two. Miss E. Gray was the best back on view, her defence was so sound that in Services' quarters she was termed Hongkong's Marjot Line. Mrs.

Hockey Association Council Meeting

A Council Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall this afternoon at 6 p.m. A full attendance of members is requested.

Strange was also well in the picture. I would say the Island defence was in top form.

There seemed to be less steadiness amongst the Mainland halves. In the first half when the Island attacking pressure was at its height, the wing halves, Miss M. McCaw and Miss J. Wong, became rather agitated. With Miss L. Woolley playing constructively, they improved perceptibly, however, in the second half. Mrs. Wilmott was the best of the backs. Of the forwards, Miss D. McCaw was fast and bustling in the centre and Miss Harker and Miss Marr combined exceedingly well on the right flank. Miss H. Reid and Miss M. Shand on the left did as well as could be expected. Both



A brief clash during the Island-Mainland hockey match last Sunday in aid of Charity.—Ming Yuen.

teams gave of their best. There is always a modicum of playing luck in every game. It did not seem to come the Island way.

Services 2 Civilians 2

THE CLOSENESS of the annual matches between these two teams makes little difference. Services and Civilians always play such strenuous and fast hockey with fierce endeavour and skill—with plenty hard fighting, hard hitting and close tackling. All these playing virtues were again in bold evidence last Sunday.

To summarise the play itself, there was really little to choose. The teams were well matched, except that the Services' forwards were much faster, and never hesitated to shoot at once when in the circle. Services started well, and were best in getting the first goal to place them in a strong position.

The Civilians' defence was called upon to put in all they knew. It was not long before the expected goal arrived. Off a short corner hit taken by Datta Ram, Benwell made a partial clearance, but Paratah slipped in to score. This happened after about ten minutes, in which the Services' forwards were far more aggressive than the Civilians five.

Though the Services were much the better team in this half, there was too much over-hitting—the ball went for too frequently into touch, which means so much interruption of play. The "glogging" hard hit was greatly in evidence, and was of no use to anyone.

When half-time came, Services led one-nil.

CIVILIANS IMPROVE

THE Civilians forwards could not control their passing strength, or work their passes in unison with one another. They, however, improved in the second half. The halves, had

Rugby Football

ROYAL SCOTS BEAT CLUB



L. Hook (Services) steering the ball away from Gurbaichan Singh (Civilians) in the Charity hockey match in aid of the B.W.O.F. at King's Park last Sunday. The match was drawn 2-2.—Ming Yuen.

now got right in their stride. Then came their first goal.

It was an opening by W. A. Reed that gave E. Fowler his chance to score, and he made no mistake. The Civilians all forced their attacks; they were continually pressing, and giving the Services' defence active employment. Pyram Singh, this time, sent S. A. Fowler through to give the Civilians a 2-1 lead.

Services towards the end came back with a spirited attack, and Pritham Nath equalised with a soft goal, when Benwell completely mis-kicked the ball.

The Services were hard pressed, and defending strongly when the final whistle went.

Comments Of Players

THE Civilians backs, Bond and Gonsalves, were sound. The former was fast in his tackling and hit hard and cleanly. W. A. Reed, the old General at centre-half, played his usual fine game, and controlled his passes with skill. Brown and N. Whitley, the wing halves, also performed well. Brown, in particular, was more constructive in the latter stages, when he took complete control of Nerrain and Paratah. The attack was fast enough, but as I have said, it lacked cohesive qualities.

J. Soares was seldom fed on the left wing, and S. A. Fowler had an off day. G. Singh, inside right, displayed fine stick-work and passing skill, and Pyram Singh, as leader, distributed the ball well. E. Fowler, though new to the inside left position, was always a trier.

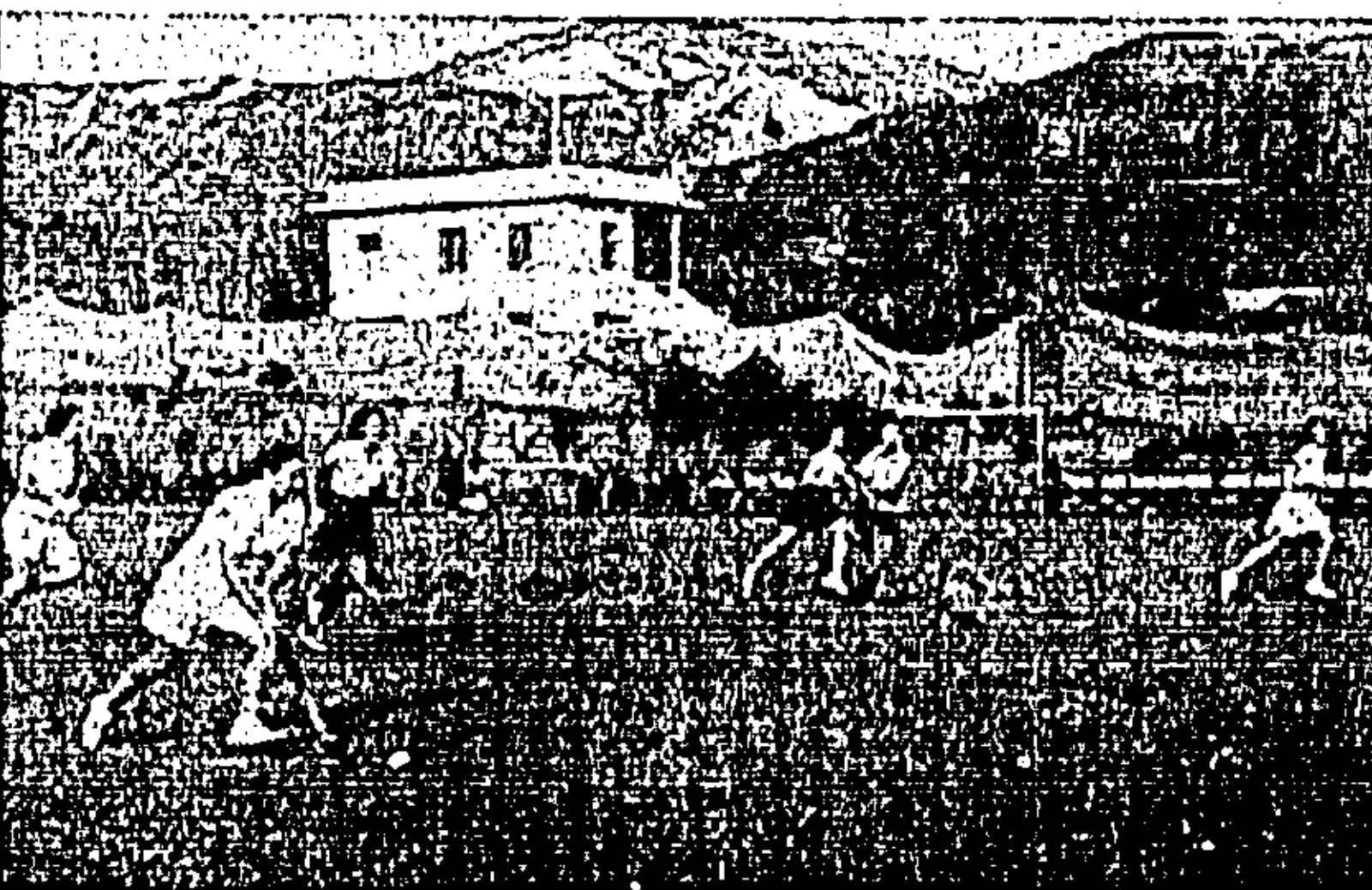
The Services defence played finely, but rather tapered off in the second half. Baines did by no means badly in goal; he had as many shots to clear as Benwell, and he rarely failed in his judgment. Datta Ram, left back, was the central figure of the defence, and he was well supported by Mars. The halves, Cowley, Hook and Corrie-Hill, shone in the first half—they kept good contact with their forwards, and broke up several Civilians attacks. Pritham Nath was a brilliant leader, and both wing combinations showed a great speed and fine stick work.

It would not be right to close without referring to the excellent umpiring of the four officials. Their decisions were prompt and correct, and the games proceeded without any trivial whistling, but major faults were promptly noticed and dealt with.

Credit must also go to Mr. D. T. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the H.K. H.S., and his group of organisers, who arranged the matches so splendidly.

IN their League encounter at King's Park last Saturday, "Y" Ladies, present Caer Clark Cup champions, easily defeated St. Andrew's, their nearest rivals, 4-1.

The "Y" line of attack worked with terrific speed and rhythm. The right-wing combination of Mrs. Burnett and Miss Harker, was out-



Mrs. Gardiner taking the ball down the right wing for the Island against the Mainland in the charity hockey match at King's Park last Sunday. The Mainland won 2-1.—T. W. Chan.

Cricket

Royal Engineers Draw With C.B.S.

Brilliant Bowling By Sapper Ratcliffe

A BELATED ninth wicket stand of 86 runs saved the Central British School from defeat when they met the Royal Engineers in a friendly cricket match on the School ground yesterday. Despite the brilliant bowling of Sapper Ratcliffe, who took 6 for 20, after having figures of 5-2-6-6 at one period, W. G. Pryde, first wicket down, was undefeated with 52 and K. A. Meffan was 37 not out when the game ended.

The School commenced disastrously and had lost 8 wickets for 10 runs before Pryde and Meffan became associated.

The scores were:

Spr. Ratcliffe, c. Labrum & Smith	6				18
L/Cpl. Shaw, b. Pryde	2				2
Sgt. M. Green, b. Saunders	2				2
Sgt. Carpenter, b. Saunders	2				63
Sgt. Grose, b. Smith	2				15
Sgt. Denyer, c. Meffan & Asche	24				24
Spr. Heath, not out	15				0
Spr. Murphy, b. Smith	1				0
Capt. Parsons, b. Labrum	4				1
Lieut. Pope, b. Smith	4				4
N. J. Taylor, not out	15				15
Extras	15				15
Total (for 9 wkts.)					143
Bowling Analysis					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Smith	10	3	27	4	
Saunders	7	3	17	2	
Asche	0	0	42	1	
Pryde	3	1	25	1	
Labrum	4	1	17	1	
C.B.S.					
A. M. Odell, b. Ratcliffe	1				1
G. Saunders, b. Ratcliffe	0				0
W. G. Pryde, not out	52				62
A. V. Brown, c. Shaw & Ratcliffe	0				0
N. J. Smith, c. Carpenter & Parsons	0				0
H. V. Lockhart, c. b. Ratcliffe	0				0
R. G. Labrum, l.b.w. b. Ratcliffe	0				0
Spr. Asche, b. Ratcliffe	0				0
E. F. Hurley, b. Parsons	0				0
K. A. Meffan, not out	37				37
Extras	7				7
Total (for 8 wkts.)					103
C. R. Lawrence did not bat.					
Bowling Analysis					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Ratcliffe	10	3	20	5	
Parsons	6	1	19	2	
Carpenter	2	0	23	0	
Pope	2	0	20	0	
Denyer	4	0	14	0	

standing and sent across many beautiful passes. Mrs. Starbuck, as pivot, Miss Pocock, left half, were brilliant, and so was Mrs. Stone, right back. According to their display last Saturday, there is no team capable of defeating them this season.

St. Andrew's replied with a few raids, from one of which they scored. Miss June Hall, in goal, was in no way to blame, in fact, had she not played so well, the score would have been much higher. A better performance was expected of the Saints, but the team gave a ragged display, and were well below their normal form.

Superior Kicking Wins The Match

(By "Fly-half")

KICKING won the match for the Royal Scots yesterday evening when they defeated Club by two goals to a goal and a try. Club had bad luck when, following a kick ahead, a forward got over, only to be called back for a previous infringement, and again when Bidwell dropped a goal which was disallowed as it had been touched by a Royal Scots' player before it went over.

In the fight for the ball in the tight scrums, Salter had the measure of Sutherland. The Army pack mistimed their shove by pushing too much before the ball was put in, and were generally caught unawares by the sharp shove by the Club eight at the moment the ball was put in.

In the loose and the line-outs, the honours were more or less even, with Club disappointing in their falling back in defence, and the Army forwards ready and up to take any advantage of dropped passes by their opponents. Henderson received close attention by the Army wing forwards, and scrum half, and as a result, Butcher had to accept any sort of a pass, which considerably hampered the backs.

During the game Day had a recurrence of a leg injury and this appeared to detract from his play, in which he was weak in defence.

Bidwell did a good deal of opening up in attack and the second Club score for Butcher, who backed up splendidly to take his pass and score behind the posts. Carruthers and Laville were too well marked to get properly into stride. The former did, however, have one or two good runs.

ARMY'S BEST THREE

BOB Evans, Army's best three-quarter, and generally evaded the first tackle. His final passing left much to be desired, especially on one occasion when he broke through to draw Thompson, at full back for Club, only to sling out a rotten pass at Lang's feet, for him to knock-on in his attempt to restart.

The Club had hard luck in scores disallowed; the Royal Scots lost points by poor finishing. Cuthbertson, a forward, turned out at inside-three with some success. A dribble across the field by Club forward allowed Day to pick the ball off the feet of the dribbler to carry on and score. Doe himself converted.

Pinkerton went over for the Royal Scots to increase their lead. Doe converted.

Club's first try was well-taken by Day, following a clean heel by the Club pack in a loose maul. Stout failed to convert. Butcher scored under the posts when he backed up a Bidwell break-through to receive the pass when the inside was confronted by the full back. Bidwell converted.

Garcia-Lee Bout Finally Arranged For December 23

MANILA, Dec. 13 (UP).—After an exchange of radio messages with Jack Dempsey at Honolulu, the promoter, Jes Cortes, announced that the Garcia-Lee fight will be held on December 23.

Negotiations For Garcia-Hostak Bout

Cleveland, Dec. 13. Mike Jacobs by telephone has opened negotiations with Hostak's manager for a possible bout with Garcia at Madison Square Gardens in the winter.—United Press.

Navy Fail To Make Appearance

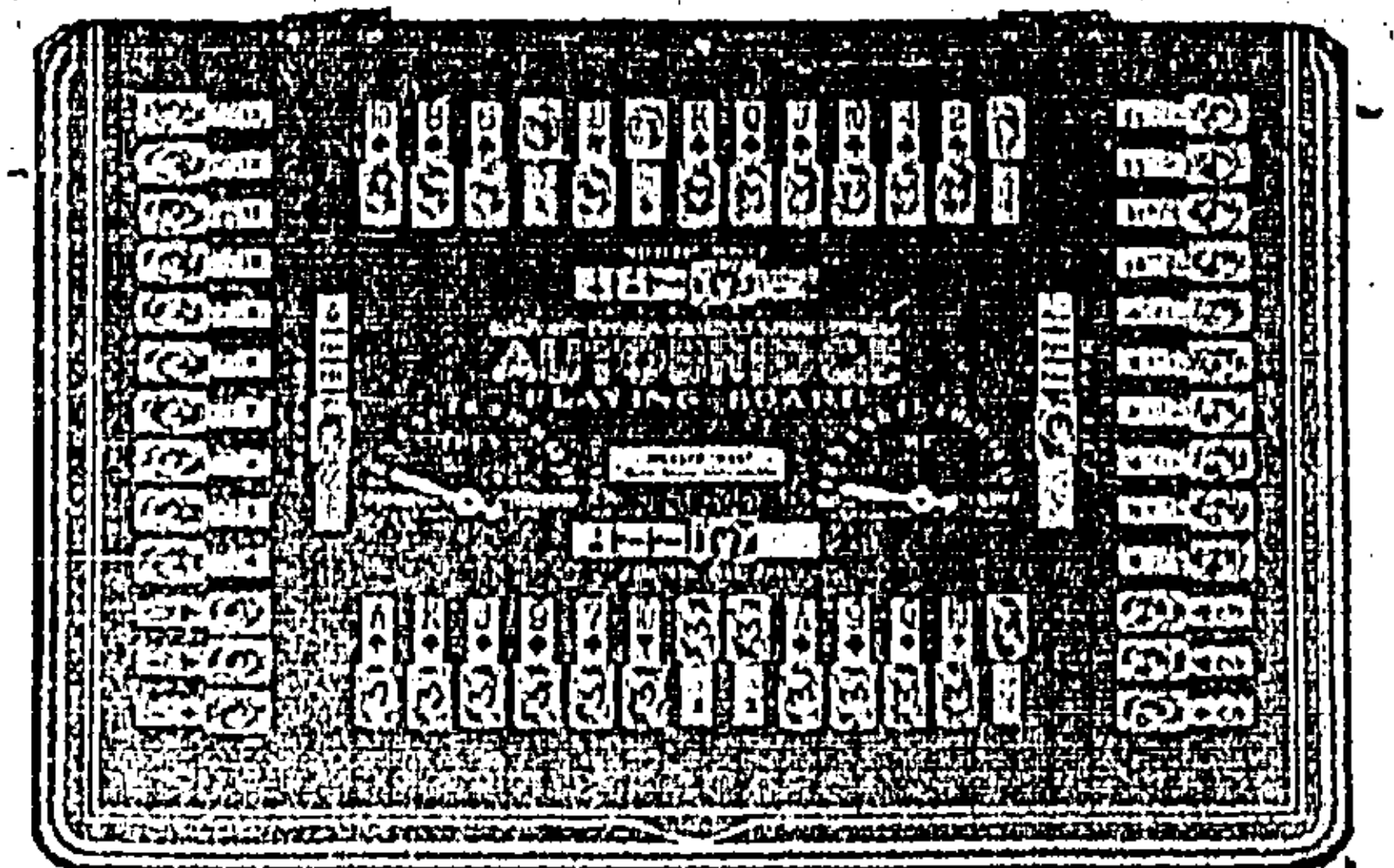
The First Division League football match between Middlesex Regiment and Royal Navy, scheduled for next Saturday at Sookunpo, but brought forward to yesterday afternoon on the same ground at 4 p.m., was not held, the Navy failing to make an appearance.

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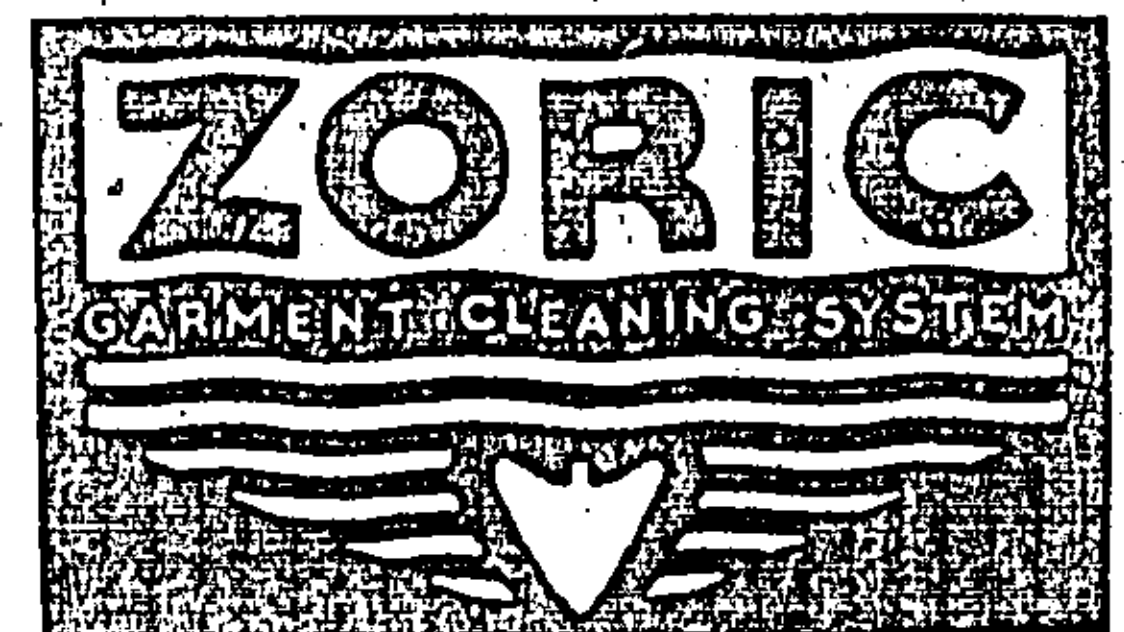
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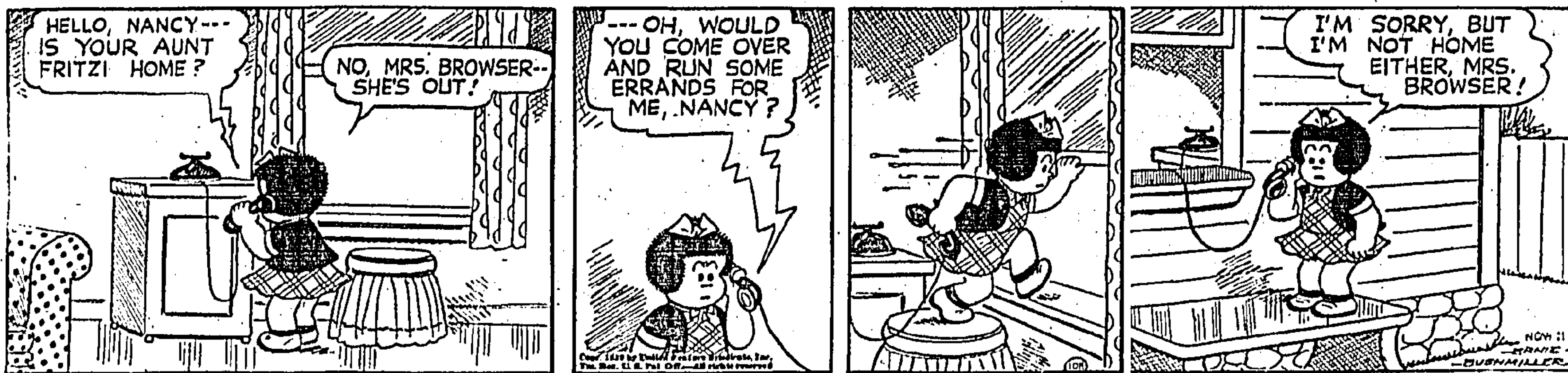
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By Order, G. B. BROWN, Secretary, Hongkong, 11th December, 1939.

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



SWASTIK AND SIEGFRIED

"It is good, it is good, again we sink the 'Ark Royal, the Hood, the Repulse and the Rodney."

"Ach, Siegfried, the swindog British must have three of each."

If You Know Someone Somewhere In France—

YOU'LL SOON BE ABLE TO SEND TELEGRAMS

NAZI TO R.A.F.: 'I SALUTE YOU'

By NOEL MONKS
Daily Mail Special Correspondent with the R.A.F.

Somewhere in France. A GERMAN pilot sat down to dinner as an honoured guest in the officers' mess of an R.A.F. squadron last night. He had been shot down by one of our Hurricane fighters, but because of the courage he had shown during the action he was invited to dine with the men he had fought.

He shook hands with all his hosts. They toasted him, and he toasted them. Then in the middle of the meal he buried his face in his arms and sobbed aloud.

The pilot who had shot him down led him from the dining room into the lounge. In an embarrassed silence the others continued with their meal.

"Your Kindness" Ten minutes later the captured airman returned to his place at the table and, gripping the back of his

chair till his knuckles showed white he said: "Please forgive me. Your kindness has overwhelmed me. For most of my 31 years I have been taught to dislike the English."

"For these last five years I have been made to hate them. Only yesterday when I took off on this last flight of mine I was told that if the English captured me I should be starved and tortured."

"Instead you have broken me with your kindness. For the rest of my life I will be glad I met you. Gentlemen, I salute you."

As one man the R.A.F. pilots leapt to their feet and acknowledged the salute. The Nazi had given the German military salute, not the outstretched arm of the Nazi Party.

And this is why our fighter squadron asked the Nazi pilot to dine.

Crew's Parachute Leap

Our Hurricane had been pouring bullets into the Nazi Dornier when smoke started to pour from it. Two members of the crew leapt from it and fell earthwards by parachute. The Dornier was wobbling badly.

The Hurricane pilot swooped low over the enemy and peered into the cockpit. He saw the pilot slumped against the controls and concluded he was dead. But he wasn't, though his machine was almost out of control.

Then the Nazi pilot did an amazingly heroic thing. He got up from the controls and climbed into the gunner's cockpit in the nose of the machine.

In a second he had trained the gun on the R.A.F. Hurricane ahead, and while the Dornier flew along on its own he let loose a stream of bullets at the Hurricane, which, however, was soon manoeuvred out of range.

The Nazi pilot was still at the gun when the machine crashed. He was unhurt. To-day he is a prisoner of war with a new outlook on life—and the English.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

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The Committee for the Fund is deeply appreciative of all such kind and generous efforts and sincerely trusts that entertainment organisations will conform to these requirements.

By O. D. GALLAGHER
Daily Express War Reporter
With the B.E.F. in France.

HERE is the most pleasant piece of news I've dug up in the seven days I have been with the Army—there are going to be telegrams for the Tommies.

As they say in the B.E.F., "the service is about to be laid on." The colonel who is the Assistant Director of Postal Services (the big shot of the Post Office out here), has just come back from a conference at the G.P.O. in London.

There they talked about telegrams, and inspected the plans which are going to bring front-line soldiers nearer home.

Said the colonel to me recently "We are fixing a flat rate for them. I'm afraid it can't be as cheap as the ninepenny inland telegrams back home, but it won't cost much more. At home they are all keyed up for the new service."

So is the colonel, a tall man full of nervous energy. He wears rimless glasses, and I should say he is about as efficient as can be.

Enthusiastic

And enthusiastic about his job. Bit of a psychologist, too—"If the troops feel that they are not in close touch with their homes, they are apt to think everything has gone wrong. They need news from home quickly."

Telegrams will take from one to two days—probably one day. Fairly soon, you will see official announcements about this Tommy-Telegram Service, but I can give you a detail or two now.

They will have to be addressed in the same way as ordinary letters to men in the B.E.F. Yes, I know—the address may be a long one and cost money. The Post Office thought of that too, and maybe the address will go free.

They will be handed in at post offices anywhere in Britain, and will be telegraphed immediately to Army P.O. headquarters in France.

From there they will go to the front, or wherever it is, by normal delivery.

All this was planned in the first place for hundreds of Tommies who are prospective fathers. Many are worried, and want prompt news about the new arrival to whom they will one day show their medals.

News From Mary

So—twenty-four-year-old Mary, of Noel-street, Nottingham, you'll be able to telegraph him the news. It will be working in plenty of time for you.

In case you don't know Mary... Her boy-husband sat behind me at Grace Fields' concert, and cried a bit when Grace sang the song about the little boy who wanted his daddy back for Christmas.

This is going to be a two-way service. To and from the B.E.F. and, as the official announcement will tell you later, it is for urgent messages only.

No decision has been made yet about giving men a day or two leave to go home to deal with domestic crises like babies and things. Tommy's French comrades get a day's leave for such happenings.

The Allies add an hour to the war to-morrow—midnight when the French go into winter-time with us. Good old Entente Cordiale.



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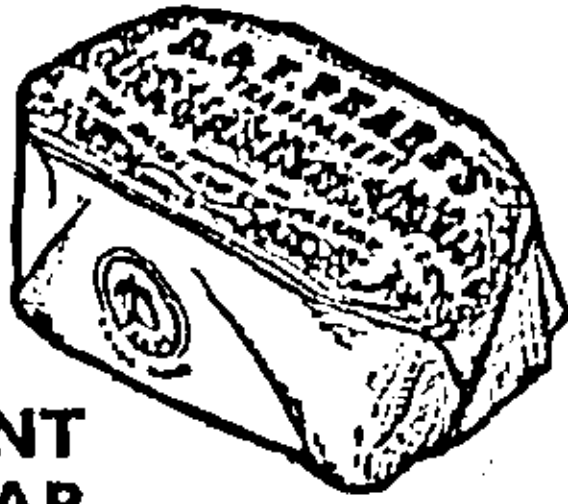


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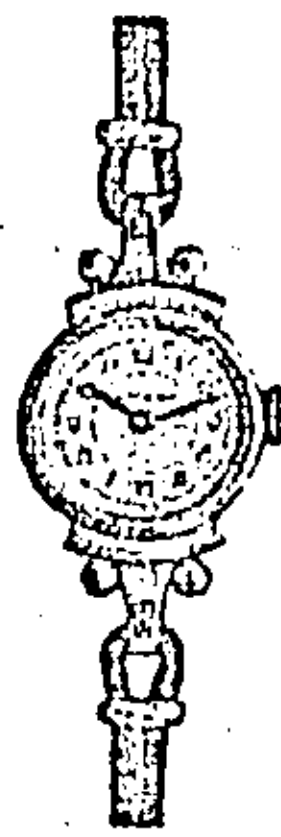


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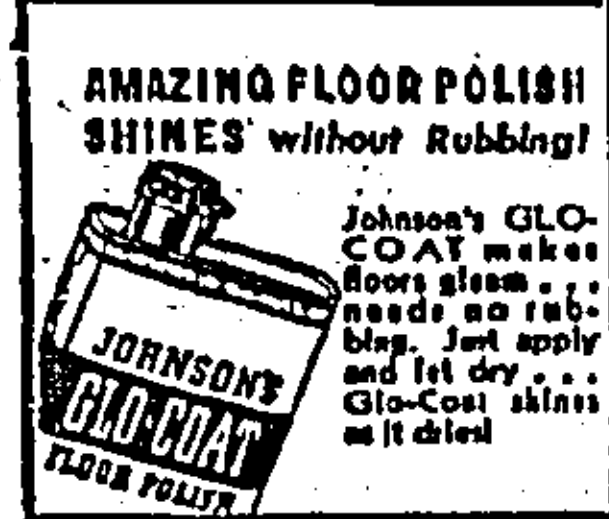
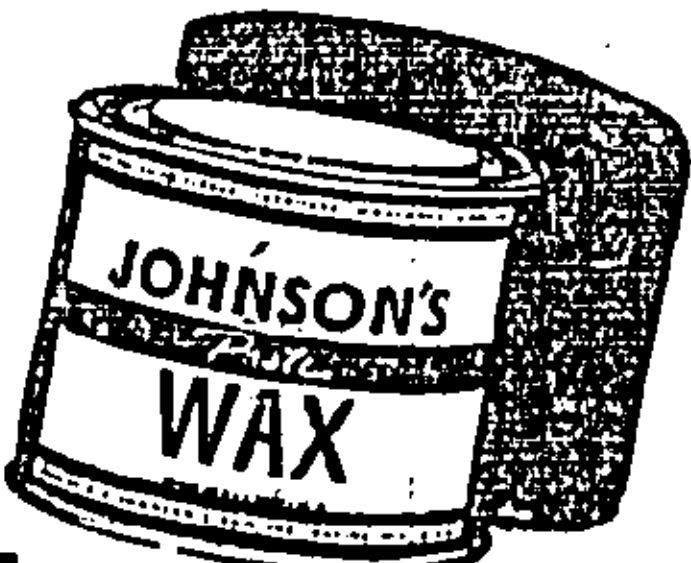
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What shall I give for Christmas?

Of course, you mean to make a real success of your Christmas gift buying this year.

You are determined to begin early, to make a thorough search for new and really bright ideas.

You want your gifts to reflect sound judgment, to show your friends that you know exactly what is likely to please them most. And certainly you are not going to jeopardise this fine resolution by leaving matters to the last moment.

If that is the spirit in which you address yourself to the annual problem of gift buying, you will be open to ideas from every quarter.

The first suggestion is to try to put yourself in the place of each one of the recipients in turn.

If you were in his (or her) shoes what would you appreciate most? Here you have to take into account such things as temperamental, domestic circumstances, hobbies and other interests.

THINK... LOOK... CHOOSE

It is quite impossible to give a list of all the items likely to fit best into your list of Christmas gifts until all these considerations have been duly weighed.

A good plan is to begin, as suggested, by thinking of likely personal needs. Nearly everyone to whom you wish to give a Christmas present is one that you know well, and the only difficulty is when people seem to have everything they need.

Still, there may be something they could do with in the home or garden, or, failing this, you will have to seek inspiration from the new season's novelties.

When you have taxed your imagination to the full, go out to the shops and stores and see the thousand and one attractive and useful items which have not occurred to you. Make a note of some of the brightest ideas which you are able to spot in the window and counter displays.

There are so many you cannot examine them all closely on your first reconnaissance, though, incidentally

A Page of Bright Ideas to Help You Solve Your Present Problems.

It is already getting late for these preliminaries.

There are only two more weeks for gift buying and you can disregard next week if you intend to complete your purchases while the best selection still remains.

Do not forget that the solution to many a vexing problem for the Christmas gift buyer is to select something for the family. This may be in the nature of furniture, an indoor game, or some labour-saving contrivance.

Again, why not something really sensible? Nothing more obvious, perhaps, than a useful and acceptable to any household than a Christmas hamper of good things to eat and drink?

A GIFT YOU WOULD LIKE

Think how much you yourself would appreciate such a gift, say a case of wines or spirits, to help you out with the entertaining you are sure to be doing over the holiday and the New Year.

One important hint to every gift buyer. You know the old saying that it is the thought behind the gift that counts. Yet you can really matter.

How often that truth is misinterpreted to mean

that any gift will do! No. Where is the thought behind the Christmas present obviously bought in the last minute rush and posted too late to arrive in time?

The best days of all for gift buying are those of the coming week when you have the widest pick and can make a leisurely selection with no scramble to mar the pleasure of it all.

SUGGESTIONS CLOSE AT HAND

And the best time for reflection is to-day, when you should be able to find a few spare minutes to sit down quietly with pencil and paper and make a list of all the people to whom you would like to give a Christmas present.

Almost everyone throughout the country will, in fact, be doing this. If there is anything in mental telepathy the ether will be full of bright ideas. So put yourself in a right good generous frame of mind and "tune in."

But do not overlook the helpful suggestions that are placed before your very eyes in this page.

Here you will see how easy it really is to depart from the more conventional form of Christmas gifts and select something a little out of the ordinary and likely to be a great deal more appreciated, especially if it is the type of article likely to last long and become a treasured possession.

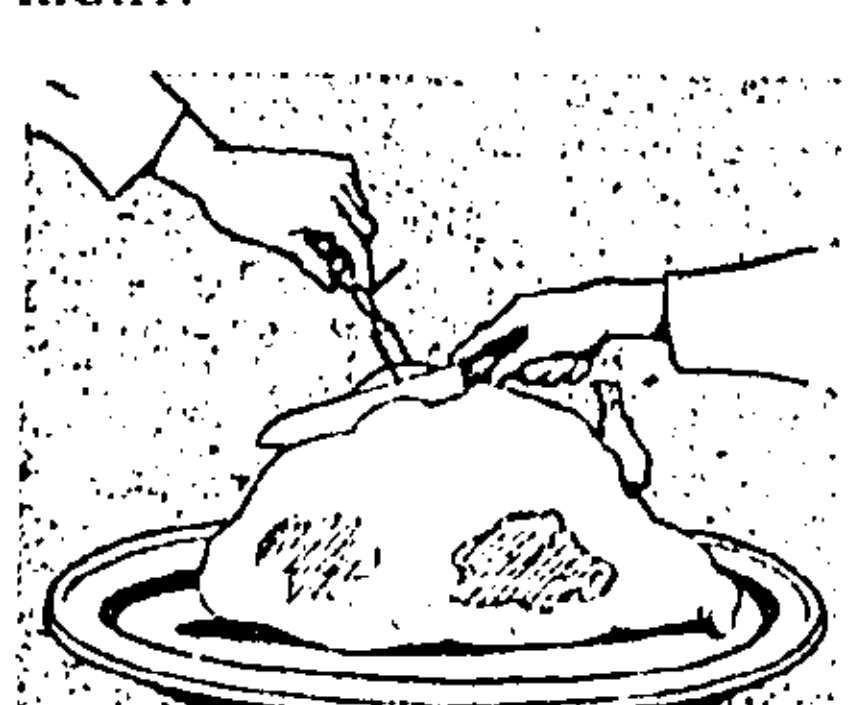
TURKEY—WITHOUT TEARS

Here Are Eight Rules For Carving The Turkey

1. SERVE THE TURKEY ON A LARGE DISH AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, CARVE IT FROM A BACK TO BREAK AWAY.

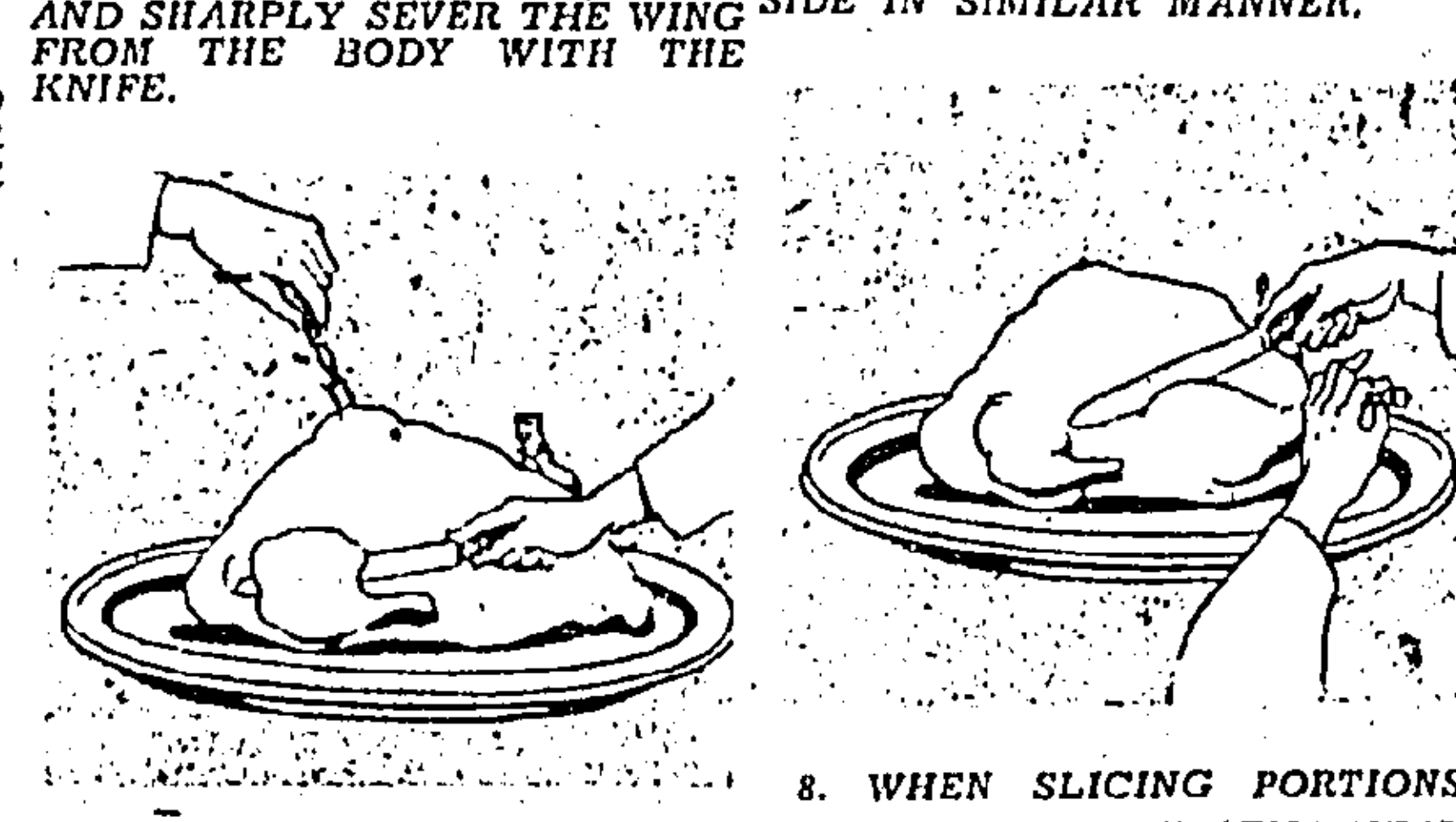
2. USE A WELL-SHARPENED CARVING KNIFE AND A CARVING FORK.

3. PLACE THE TURKEY SO THAT THE NECK IS TO YOUR LEFT AND THE "TAIL" TO YOUR RIGHT.



4. START CARVING ON THE SIDE FACING YOU. CUT ONE LEG WORKING FROM THE BODY, GENTLY FORC-

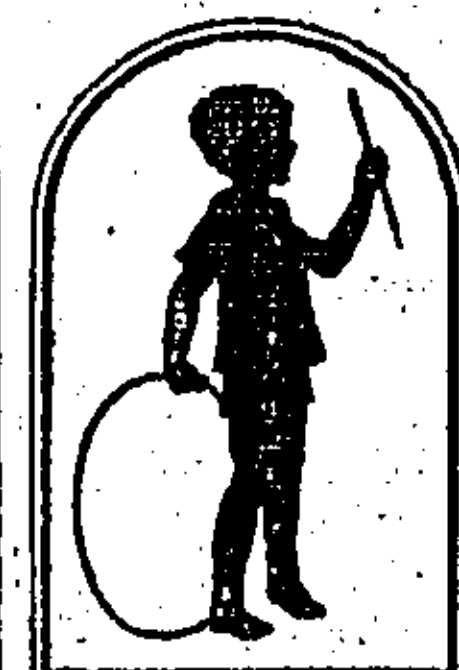
5. NOW THE WING. INSERT THE FORK ACROSS THE TOP OF THE BREASTBONE, WITHOUT START CARVING THE OTHER TEARING THE BREAST MEAT, AND SHARPLY SEVER THE WING FROM THE BODY WITH THE KNIFE.



6. REPLACE THE FORK OVER THE TOP OF THE BREASTBONE. SHOULD BE CARVED MORE THICKLY THAN THE WHITE AND SERVED WITH THE WHITE TO EVERYONE.

7. HAVING CARVED PRACTICALLY ALL THE MEAT FROM ONE SIDE OF THE BODY, PLACE A SERVING OF STUFFING WITH THE MEAT ON EACH PLATE.

8. WHEN SLICING PORTIONS OF MEAT, THE DARK MEAT SHOULD BE CARVED MORE THICKLY THAN THE WHITE AND SERVED WITH THE WHITE TO EVERYONE.



PHOTOGRAPHS of the children become increasingly precious with the passing years. They, too, in later years, will appreciate the record of their childhood.

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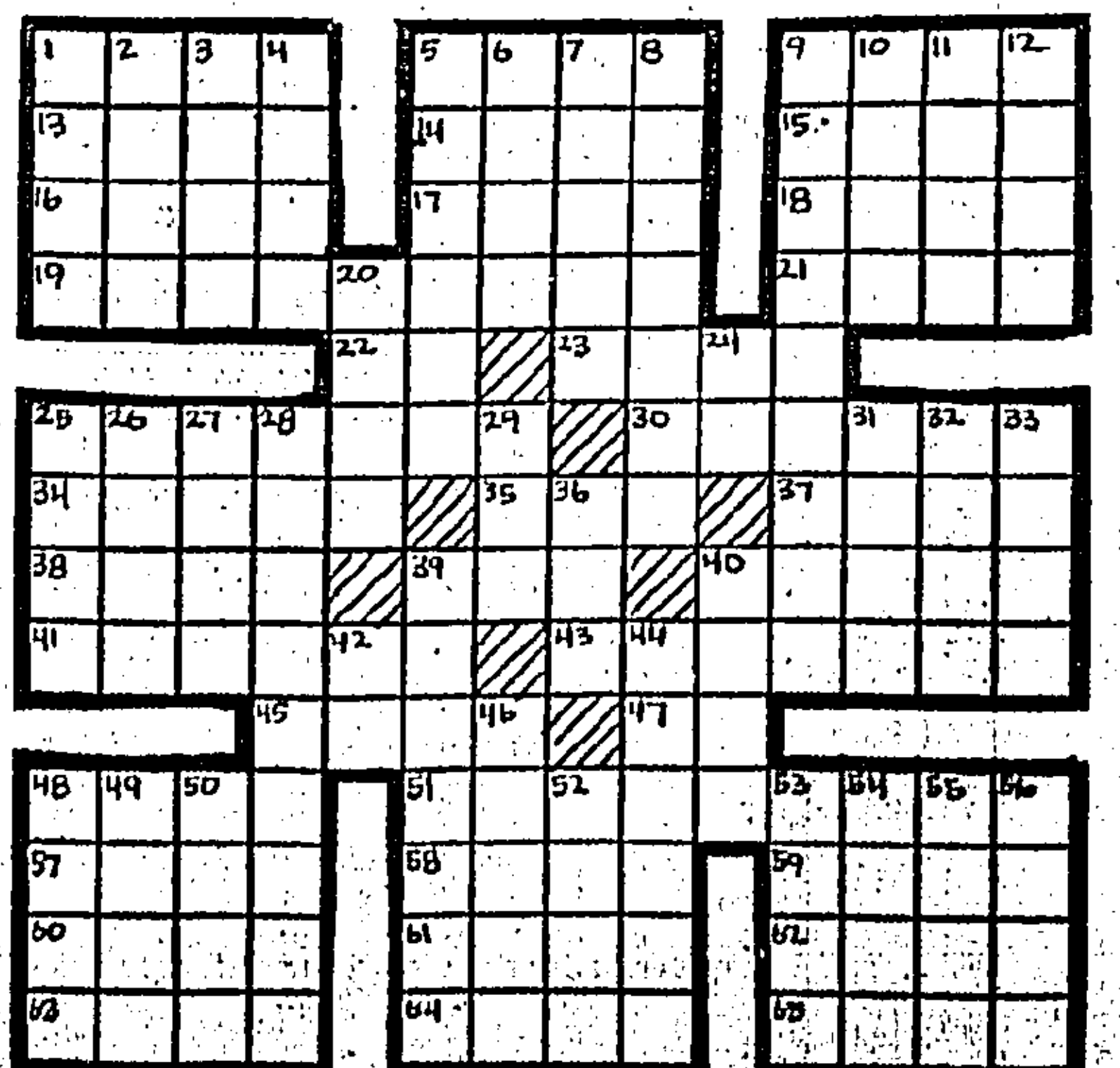
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Microbe
- 2—Eccentric pieces of machinery
- 3—American fraternal order
- 4—To shelter side
- 5—Many names
- 6—Fruit of pine
- 7—Of large extent
- 8—Basket team
- 9—Common black bird
- 10—Crustacean
- 11—Devours
- 12—Metric measure
- 13—Arithmetic middle
- 14—Position of book
- 15—Sailed, as ship
- 16—Portuguese
- 17—English cathedral
- 18—Wander
- 19—Follow orders
- 20—Perish
- 21—Cloth of dark fiber
- 22—Delightful (island)
- 23—Scullwork
- 24—Dialect of Maui, T. H.
- 25—Road (Hebrew)
- 26—Roman emperor
- 27—Extreme admiration
- 28—God of love
- 29—Make stupid
- 30—Employer
- 31—One in opposition

DOWN

- 1—Donated
- 2—Boiled
- 3—Repose
- 4—Boundary-line
- 5—Middle
- 6—Operatic song
- 7—Half-tones (musical)
- 8—Panorama
- 9—Rotating off-center
- 10—Tree-snake
- 11—Interpreting
- 12—Joking with thread
- 13—Speed
- 14—George Russell's pseudonym
- 15—Bony piece of meat
- 16—Condition of route
- 17—Region
- 18—Medical disease
- 19—Brazilian coin
- 20—Musical sound
- 21—At any time
- 22—Refuse to grant
- 23—Medicine
- 24—Producing motion
- 25—Fermat
- 26—Exclamation
- 27—In opposition
- 28—Worship
- 29—Man's name
- 30—Sea-anemone
- 31—Decay
- 32—Over and touching
- 33—Things that bind
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- 35—Butter substitute
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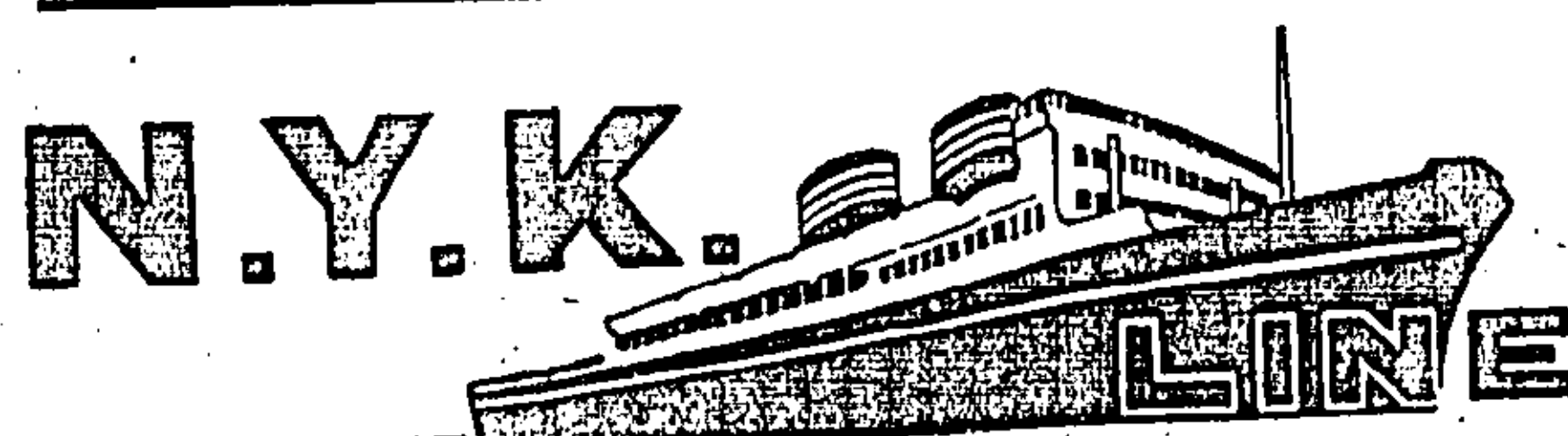
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Consul Tells How He Saved Hundreds SNATCHED FROM NAZI TERROR IN GERMANY

By E. P. MONTGOMERY
HOW Britain, through
her diplomatic and consular
representatives in Germany,
helped and comforted thou-
sands of Germans, victims
of the tyranny and persecu-
tion of their own Nazi Gov-
ernment, was told to me by
Mr. R. T. Smallbones, for-
merly H.M. Consul-General
in Frankfurt-on-Main.

Mr. Smallbones saw the ter-
rible effects of the pogrom
which raged through Germany
against the Jews last November
after the von Rath murder.

His report on the Nazi per-
secutions of the Jews and the
crucifixion of the Buchenwald
concentration camp make some
of the most impressive reading
in the Government White Paper
on the ill-treatment of German
nationals issued recently.

Hide In The Woods

"During the first weeks of the
terror," he told me, "we gave sanc-
tuary in the Consulate to hundreds
of people who would have been safe
nowhere else. Men and women who
did not dare to show their faces in
the light would hide in the woods by
day and creep into the Consulate at
night for food and shelter.

"They slept in the halls, in the
dining-room, in the kitchen, on the

MEIN DAMPF

HITLER has sent a corps of
7,000 water divers to the
Siegfried Line, according to a
French report from Switzer-
land.

They have been told to find
a remedy for the flooding,
which has followed the recent
heavy rains in several parts of
the line.

The German General Staff
expressed doubts on the value
of the corps, but Hitler
silenced their objections.

He reminded them that in
1918, when "Big Bertha" was
set up to shell Paris, water
diviners were consulted to en-
sure that the gun emplace-
ments would remain perfectly
dry.

stars. My wife and daughter, my
staff of 11, even my servants, turned
to and helped to give them what food
and comfort we could.

"Some of us who had seen the
sufferings of the people in Germany
persuaded the British Government to
allow us to grant 'transmigration
visas,' which would enable refugees
to get out of Germany quickly and
to stay two years in the United
Kingdom, while awaiting an oppor-
tunity to emigrate to the United
States and other countries.

Nazi Christmas Cards On Sale In England

MORE than three million Nazi Christmas cards—none of
them marked "Made in Germany"—are in England waiting to
be sold.

Beautifully printed, with perfect English Christmas scenes
and little snippets of verse, they are indistinguishable from British
ones, and have been distributed to firms all over the country.

Many will probably be sent to English soldiers at the Front.
A final load of German cards was dumped at the London
docks only a few days before war broke out.

The matter will be brought up in the House of Commons.
Already it has been brought to the notice of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Karl Giesen, of Holborn, a London publisher who has
distributed millions of the cards, told the *Sunday Dispatch*.
"They were bought before the war started, and there is no
reason why anybody should bother where they were made.

"They are not marked 'Made
in Germany,' so they will not
hurt anybody's feelings. Even
if the customer asks where the
cards were made, it is doubtful
if the shop assistant would
know.

"I have dealt in German cards be-
cause I think they are so much better
than English ones.

Was A German

"Naturally, now there is a war on
I shall buy British ones."
Mr. Giesen was a German, is now
a naturalised British subject, with a
son in our fighting forces.

Another Christmas card official
said:
"There must be more than 3,000-
000 German cards in this country.
The last ship-load was not able to
be fully unloaded and had to make
a quick get-away. Evidently they
had been warned to return to Ger-
many immediately."

DIPLOMATS HONOURED

Tokyo, Dec. 13.
M. Pierre Farthoume, the new
Belgian Ambassador, and his wife,
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Empress Dowager this morning.
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Gustav Idman, the newly-appointed
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SABOTAGE PLOT IN U.S.

Nazis Try To Blow Up Queen Mary

NEW YORK.

Elaborate precautions have
been taken to strengthen the
guard on the world's two largest
and fastest liners, the Queen
Mary and the Normandie, fol-
lowing a warning from the
United States Navy Intelligence
Department that an attempt
may be made within the next
few days to damage one of these
vessels.

The greatest secrecy is maintained
concerning the nature of the in-
formation which led to this step be-
ing taken.

The first indication of anything
unusual was the arrival at the dock
where the merchant flagships of
Britain and France are tied up side
by side, possibly for the duration
of the war, of some of the highest
officials of the Police Department.

Amongst them were Chief Inspec-
tor Louis Costuma, who played an
important part in the arrangements
for the visit of the King and Queen
to New York in June, Second De-
puty Commissioner Francis Keen and
Capt. George Mitchell, head of the
newly-formed sabotage squad.

They spent more than an hour
about the two liners, discussing the
situation with the officers, and when
they left the regular guard of 15
policemen was increased to 30.

Companies Warned

Two police launches were assigned
to constant duty at the piers, and
arrangements were made for regular
tours of inspection by detectives.

People driving cars along the street
running past the Cunard White Star
and French Line piers were prevent-
ed from stopping in the immediate
vicinity and pedestrians were direct-
ed to the side of the street farthest
from the bank of the River Hudson.

The Cunard White Star and French
Lines in New York confirmed the re-
ports that they had been warned of
a possible sabotage attempt.
Both ships have skeleton crews
aboard. The Queen Mary has been
painted battleship grey since the war
started, while the Normandie has
been literally packed in molibdenum
in expectation of a long period of in-
activity.

"This was, provided their main-
tenance was guaranteed by friends,
relatives or charitable organisations.

"Letters Of Promise"

"I worked closely with my Ameri-
can colleague in Stuttgart, and as
soon as the formalities for immigra-
tion into the United States were
complete I would issue a 'Letter of
Promise,' which gave the refugee a
promise of a British visa when he
could obtain his German passport.

"These 'Letters of Promise' were
regarded almost as talismans, for
with them the relatives of men in
the concentration camps could ob-
tain their release and possession of
them made the holders safe against
further molestation by the police
and the S.S.

"During the worst of the terror we
were besieged with applicants for
the letters, often trying to deal with
as many as 800 to 1,000 a day.

"People would begin to gather in
the Consulate garden long before
dawn, and by 9 o'clock, when we
opened the doors, there would be
hundreds waiting.

"Miss Turnbull, the 23-year-old
English teacher who had come in to
help would stand on a table in the
hall to deal with the first rush.

"We instituted a system of num-
bered metal discs, which Miss Turn-
bull handed out in order to save
people from standing idly in a
queue for hours. Each one knew
his turn and could go away and
come back when his time drew near.

"We had 450 of them, and usually
they were quickly exhausted so we
were obliged to have many people we
were dealing with.

"Miss Turnbull was a miracle of
patience, listening to each one's
story as if it were the most im-
portant of all, sorting them out
into the proper categories, directing
them to the appropriate official to
deal with their cases.

Her Own Fiance

"One day she had to hand out a
number to her own fiance, a German
who was trying to get out.

"In the main, the people who came
to us were mostly women with hus-
bands, sons or brothers in the con-
centration camps. Some had to
bring their children with them not
daring to leave them alone at home.

"All of us had to work long hours
to keep abreast of the rush. In ad-
dition to the hundreds of interviews
daily we had to deal with 200 to 300
applications a day by post.

"My own record, I think, was four
days at my desk with six and a half
hours' sleeping and the others on my
staff worked just as hard, or harder.

"All through November, December
and January the persecutions—and
our work—went on. Then things
became a little easier, because the
German-Jewish Aid Committee took
over some of the work of investiga-
tion into means of subsistence and
ultimate destination.

"Even so, we continued right up to
noon on September 1, forty-eight
hours before war was declared, with
our job of trying to give those
frightened, distressed and suffering
people our help. If I may say so—
England's help."

Belgium Still Safe

American Envoy Believes
Pledges Hold Good

New York, Dec. 12.

The American Ambassador to
Belgium, Mr. Joseph Davies, arrived
on the liner Rex today and said he
was "satisfied that none of the per-
sons who had given their word not to
invade Belgium would do so." How-
ever, Belgium was maintaining her
preparedness. King Leopold, who
was responsible for the Belgium de-
fences, earned the admiration of the
Envoy.

Mr. Davies returned to the United
States in response to orders to dis-
cuss the Belgium trade agreement.
He unequivocally spoke for a third
time for Mr. Roosevelt saying, "In
my opinion conditions in the world
are such that it ought to be drafted
and compelled to run."

The Ambassador is to return to
Belgium as soon as he makes his re-
port.—United Press.

Belgians Under Arms

The Hague, Dec. 13.

The Ministry of Defence announces
that the Second Chamber intends to
call up between April and June the
classes of 1939, 1938 and 1940, so far
except, to replace the oldest classes
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presence of the Consignees at 10.00
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able goods are examined by the
Company's Surveyors.

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by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL
Agent.

CHINA LIGHT PROFIT Annual Report Reveals Prosperous Year

The report of the Directors of the
China Light and Power Company,
Ltd. for the year ended September
30, to be presented at the 21st. ordi-
nary yearly meeting of shareholders
at St. George's Building on Decem-
ber 22, states that profit on working
amounts to \$2,045,551. The
net profit after deducting transfer
fees and allowing for Directors' and
Auditors' fees and depreciation is
\$1,136,616. With \$103,688 brought
forward from last year, there is
\$1,240,304 available for appropria-
tion, less \$60,000, being the amount
written off the late General Man-
agers' Rights.

The Directors recommend the de-
claration of a dividend of 50 cents
per share on the Old shares and pro-
portionate amounts on the 1939 issue
shares, absorbing about \$1,063,465.
It is proposed to transfer \$25,000 to
contingency reserve and carry for-
ward the balance, amounting to about
\$22,839.

The retiring Directors are Hon. Mr.
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offer themselves for re-election.

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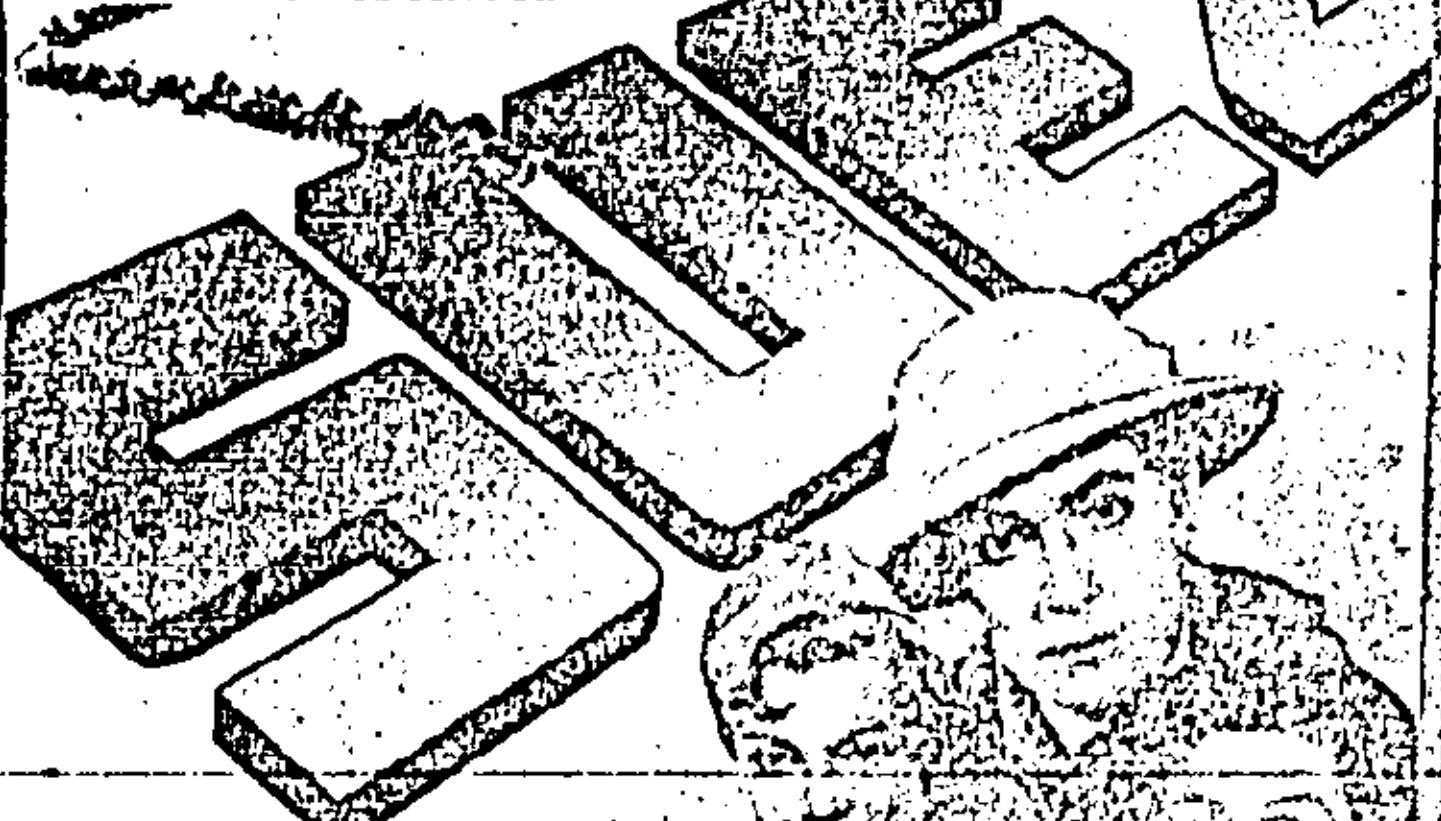
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British Anti-Aircraft Work In France MEN WHOSE LIVES ARE SERIES OF ALARMS

By E. A. MONTAGUE

Somewhere in France.

I saw this morning by practical example why it is so difficult and dangerous for German planes to come reconnoitring over our Army area. I had gone to visit an anti-aircraft battery which protects a valuable railway station from air attack, and had splashed my way through the mud to where one of its sections was located.

Suddenly the section commander broke off his explanations to blow three blasts on his whistle; the section observers had seen a plane. Gunners rushed out of their dug-outs and manned the guns. The men at the height-finders and predictors shouted strings of incomprehensible figures and the guns obediently swung round in concert, searching for the plane, so distant that I could hardly see it. Within a few seconds of the alarm they were on the target, and following its course ready to fire the instant that it was identified as an enemy. In a minute or two, however, the section commander lowered his glasses and gave the order "Stand easy." It was a friendly plane, and the gun crews went back to their dug-outs to wait till the whistle should call them out again.

MANY ALARMS

That is the daily routine of one of the most uncomfortable jobs in the Expeditionary Force. Always the observers, taking half-hour shifts turn and turn about, are sweeping the sky with their glasses. As soon as a plane is sighted, however far away, they give the alarm, and the section stands to. Not until the section commander has identified the plane as harmless is the tension relaxed. On a fine day there may be thirty or forty alarms between dawn and dusk. I saw three in less than ten minutes, all of them abortive. In the intervals the men have to strengthen their defences and keep their dug-outs in good repair. On a wet day there are few alarms, but most work is also impossible, so that boredom takes the place of constant, jerky activity.

The anti-aircraft gunners have been issued with a higher proportion of gumboots than any other branch except the signallers, and they need them. The gun positions are difficult to hide, and so the gunners have to build dug-outs for their protection against machine-gun attack from the air. In these dug-outs they live through-out a much longer working day than falls to most of us. In some mysterious way they keep them dry, and the warmth of their stoves makes them not unpleasant on a winter day, but the ground around them is as muddy as any I have seen in France.

The Other Enemies

Such is the life of the men who keep ceaseless watch and ward over our Army. Their job is a skilled one, involving a good deal of delicate instrument work, and certain parts of it, such as the observing, cannot be done adequately except by certain types of men. Their enemies are mud and boredom—the enemies of everybody, but their great enemy is to fire their guns at a hostile target. They have had weeks now of standing to again and again, but the section whom I saw had not yet had a single alarm that was genuine.

They might be excused for relaxing unconsciously, but one sees no signs of it. Their vigilance, and the other systems which exist for reporting all hostile planes, provide together a complete protection against surprise.

In spite of the conditions of their life they seem well and on the whole happy. They get accustomed to dropping a hand of solo in order to rush out of the dug-out, and to shovelling mud which runs off the spade as you lift it. Like nearly all the men here they long for dart boards, and wonder audibly when they are going to see one of these concert parties that the papers are always telling them about.



The oldest inhabitant of a Buckinghamshire village had his customary drink, but the string on his shoulder carried his mark.

LATE NEWS

CHOLERA INCIDENCE

Sir Henry Pollock
Queries The Government

A question regarding the recent incidence of Cholera in the Colony will be asked by Hon. Sir Henry Pollock at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council. Sir Henry will ask:

"In view of the statement in the Government Gazette on December 8 that Hongkong is declared an infected port on account of Cholera in Bangkok, Thienstin, Netherlands India, Singapore, Federated Malay States, Amoy, Egypt, Palestine, Tsingtau, Shanghai and the Philippine Islands, will the Government state how many cases of Cholera have been reported in this Colony during each of the five weeks up to December 9?"

Also on the agenda is a resolution to be moved by the Attorney General that the style of the offices of the Monopoly Analyst be changed to that of Government Chemist (Monopoly) and of Government Analyst to Government Chemist.
The Attorney General will move the second and third readings of the following Bills:
A Bill to amend the Vagrancy Ordinance, 1897.
A Bill to amend further the Rating Ordinance, 1901.
A Bill to amend yet further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1933.
The Attorney General will move the third reading of the following Bill:
A Bill to consolidate and amend the Prevention of Eviction Ordinances, 1938 and 1939.

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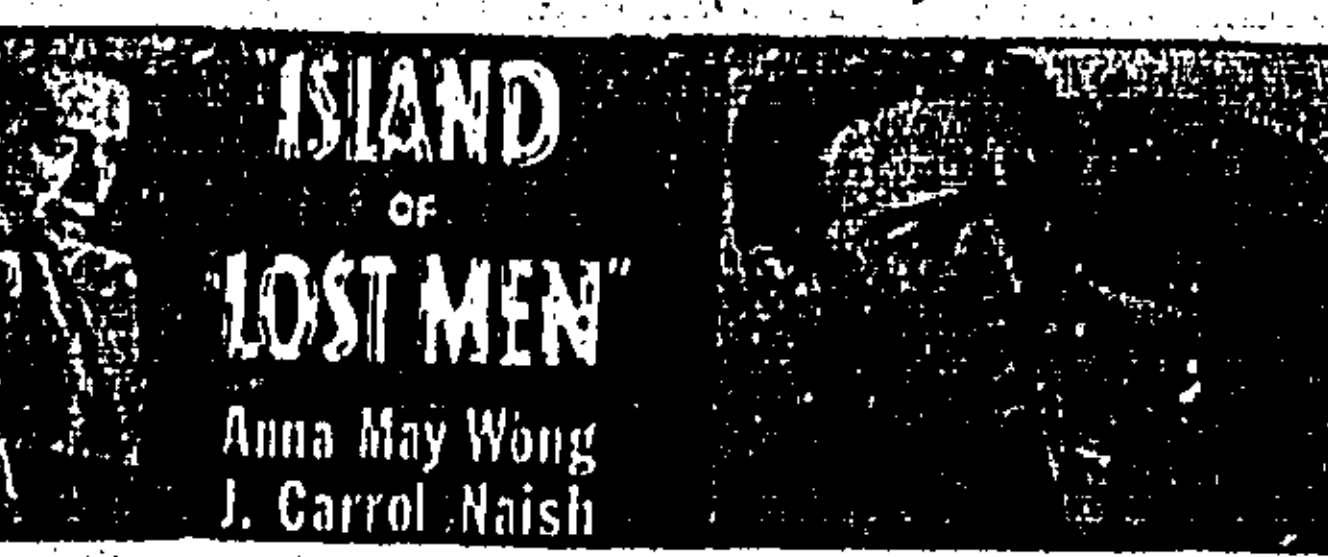
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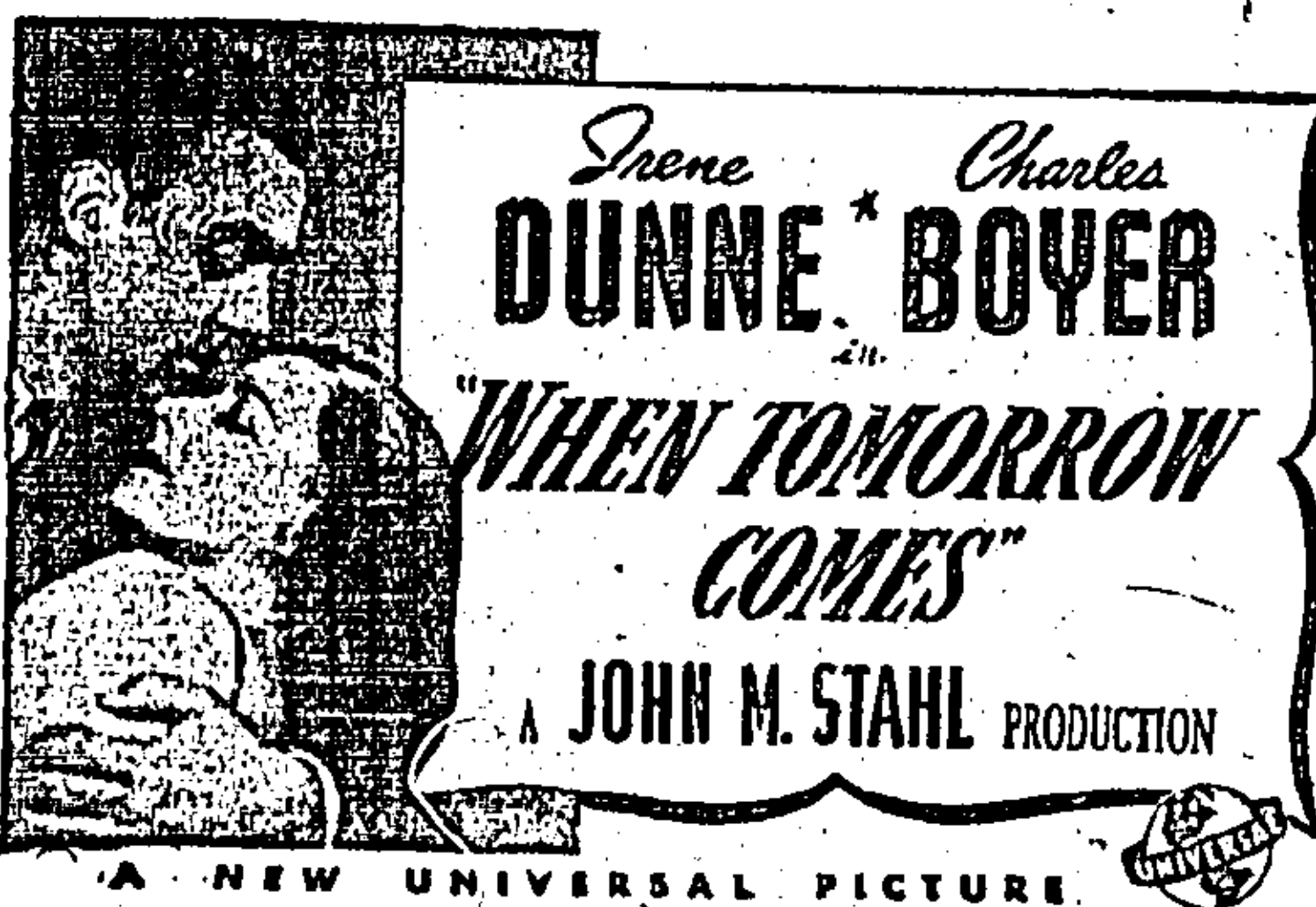
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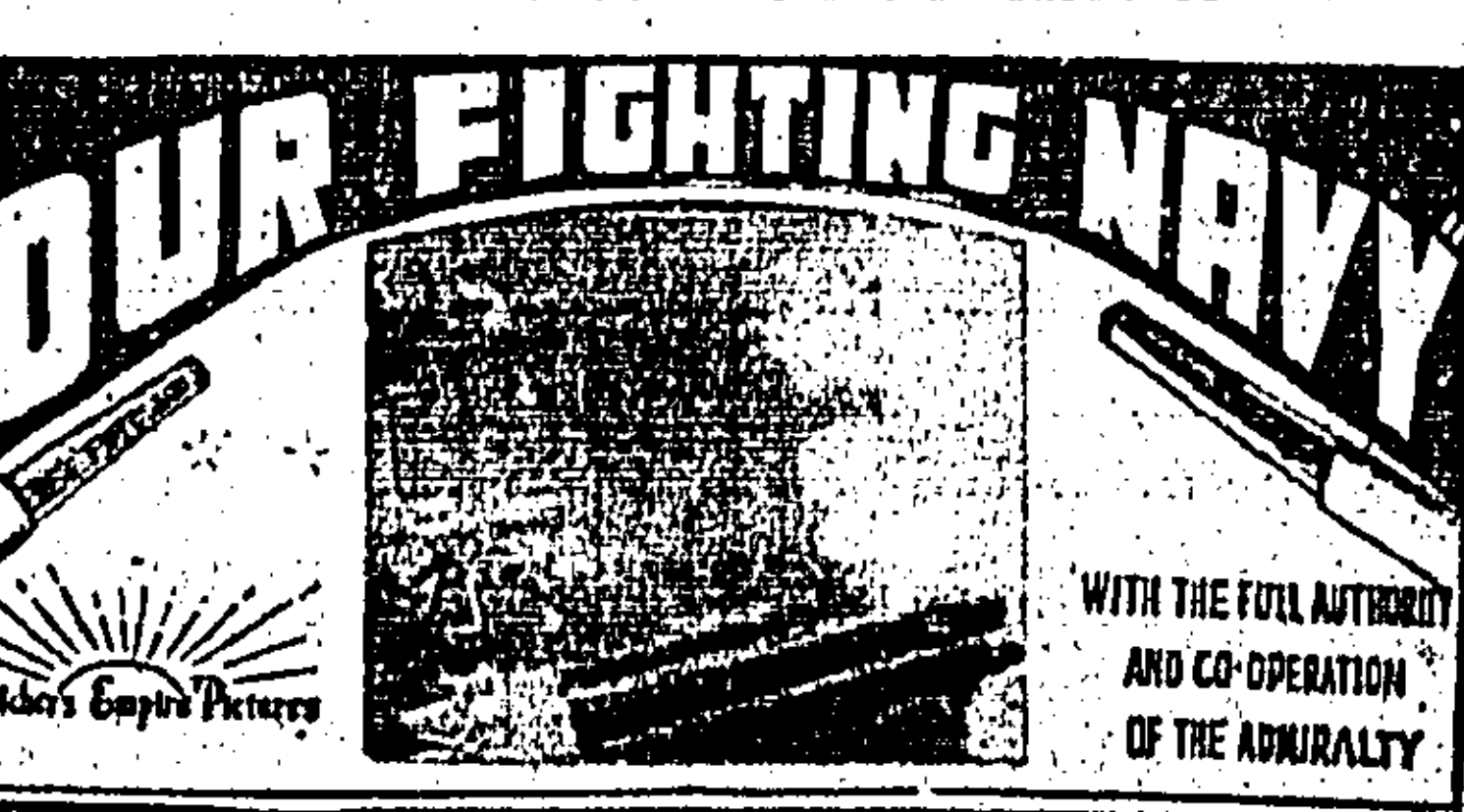
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League Turns Down Russia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GENEVA, Dec. 14 (UP).—The Committee of Thirteen has recommended the solemn condemnation of Soviet Russia for its aggression against Finland.

In addition, the Committee recommends that Member States of the League refuse to recognise the puppet Government at Terijoki.

Aid for Finland is requested from non-Members as well as Members of the League. Specifically mentioned among the former is the United States.

Argentine Threat

The Council of the League will meet privately at 9.45 a.m. (4.45 p.m. H.K.T.), and the Assembly will meet fifteen minutes later. Over forty Member States have signified their intention of being present at the Assembly meeting.

The delegate for Argentina has announced that his country will resign from the League unless Russia is expelled. He charged the U.S.S.R. with flagrant violation of treaty obligations by spreading death and destruction throughout Finland.

Russia Withdraws

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GENEVA, Dec. 14 (UP).—The Soviet delegation withdrew completely from Geneva to-day. No details have been announced and it is not known whether they intend to return.

League Attacked

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Moscow attacked the League of Nations in a broadcast last night. The announcer declared that the Finnish memorandum was full of lies and alleged that the whole affair was a political manoeuvre by Britain and France, who have "carefully selected the known anti-Soviet members to form the Committee."

The announcer also launched a violent attack on Sweden for the aid she is giving to Finland.

LATEST

ADMIRAL SCHEER CASUALTIES

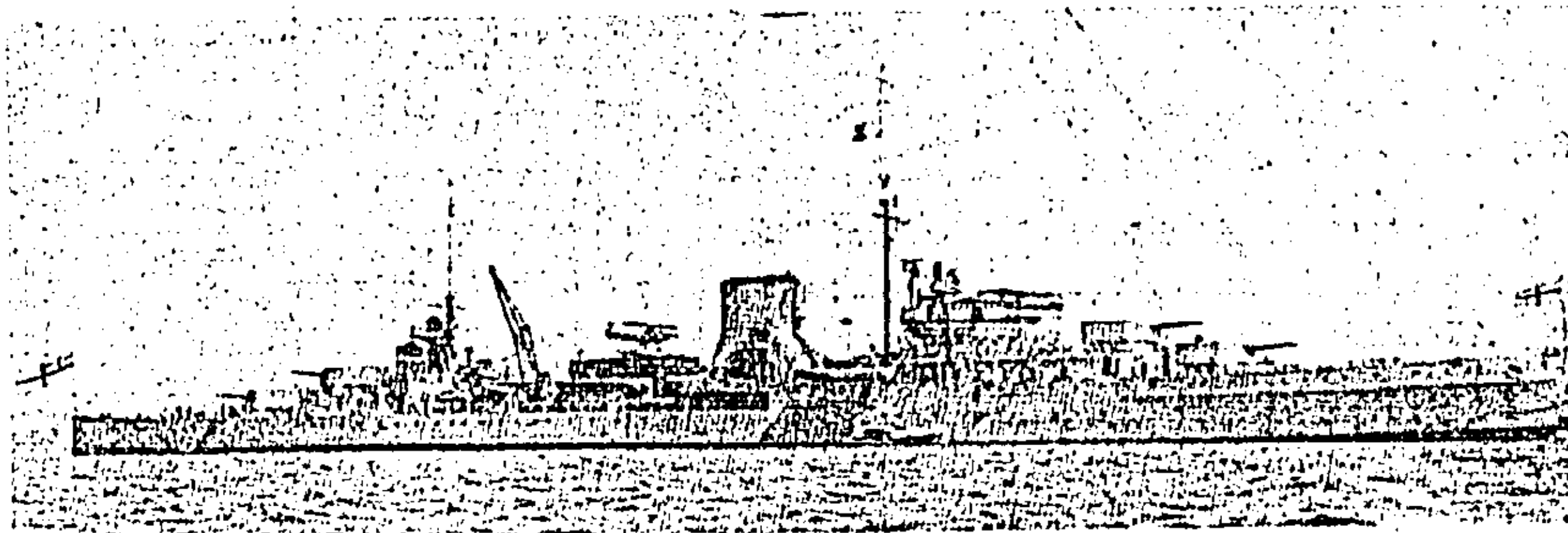
30 Killed And 60
Wounded

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14. (Reuter).—It is reported that the Admiral Scheer has arrived at Montevideo, badly damaged. Thirty of the crew were killed in the engagement with the British cruisers and 60 wounded.

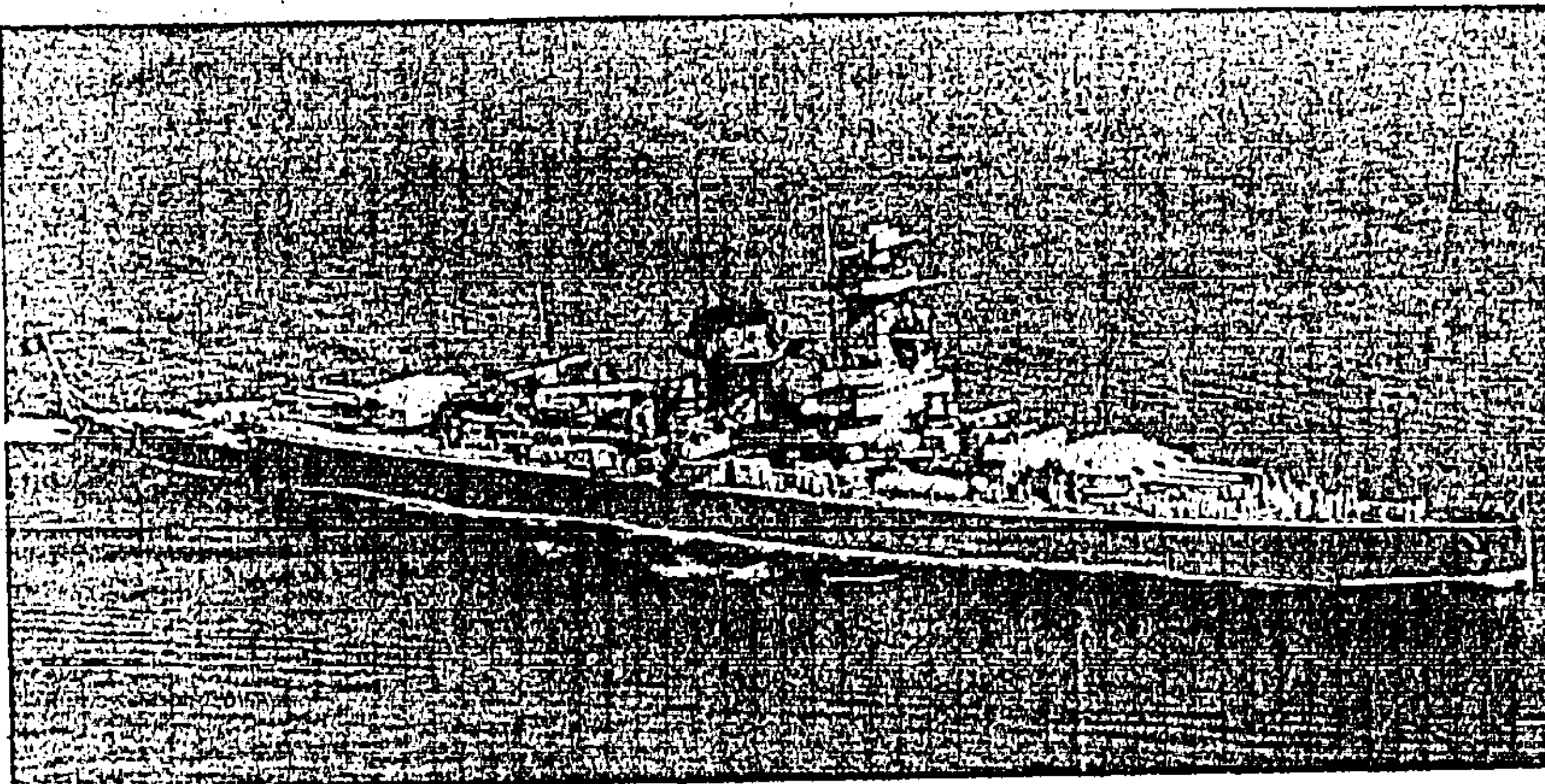
A "United Press" report says that the Exeter, Achilles and Ajax have arrived in the outer harbour.

Meanwhile the port authorities have given their permission for the removal of 30 dead and 60 wounded from the Admiral Scheer.

See Back Page For
Further Late News



H.M.S. ACHILLES.



THE POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL SCHEER.

Six Hundred Feared Lost In Shocking Sea Disaster

Nazi Mines Take Toll Several Neutral Ships Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—Nazi U-boats and magnetic mines still continue to claim neutral and British victims.

Latest sinkings are:
British freighter Deptford (4,034 tons), torpedoed north of Bergen. Only five of the crew of 35 are believed to have been saved.

Swedish tanker Alge, sinking in battle after striking a German mine. Two Swedish warships are racing to the rescue.

British collier Warwick (400 tons), blown to pieces by a mine off the east coast. Six of the crew of eleven are missing.

Swedish steamer Toros (1,477 tons), sunk by German mine off the south coast of Denmark. Crew rescued.

Danish steamer Magnum, torpedoed off Scottish coast on Saturday. Entire crew, excepting one man, drowned.

Seven Of Crew Saved
OSLO, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The London steamer Deptford, 4,000 tons, was torpedoed off Stad and sank immediately.

Seven of her crew of 30 were picked up by Norwegian vessels. Two Norwegian pilots were among the dead.

Deptford Torpedoed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—The
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WAKKANAI, Japan, Dec. 14 (Domei).—The greatest tragedy in the history of the Soviet mercantile marine has followed the loss of the U.S.S.R. Government's 3,000-ton steamer Indigirka.

As recorded by the "Telegraph" on Tuesday, the Indigirka ran aground off Wakkanai on Monday morning. Of 1,100 passengers and a crew of 39 aboard the Russian ship, over 600 are feared lost.

Approximately half the victims are women and children.

NAZI CRUISER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—The Admiralty has announced that the British submarine that sighted the Bremen and permitted the German liner to proceed without attempting to launch her torpedoes, has claimed two German naval victims.

One of the victims is a German cruiser, of undetermined size. The enemy cruiser was torpedoed.

In addition, the British submarine sank a German U-boat in a naval engagement which took place shortly after the Bremen was sighted.

Former B. And S. Ship
Of interest to Hongkong residents is the fact that the Indigirka was the original Tainan, of the Butterfield and Swire fleet.

She was built at the Scott Shipyard in Greenock in 1896—fiftythree years ago—and was employed in the China Navigation Company's service on the China Coast for many years, before she was sold to Chinese interests and renamed the Tainanfu.

The Indigirka was on route from Kamohatka to Vladivostok when she was torpedoed.

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Had Fortune, But Begged

With a fortune of about \$1,000 in cash, Leung Kiu, 39, widow, was charged this morning before Mr. Macfarlane at Kowloon Magistrate's Court with begging in Mtn Street, near Kun

Chong Market.

Det. Sgt. Johnston said Leung was on \$25 a week. When her residence in Canton Road was searched, the police found over a \$1,000 in cash in boxes. Mr. Macfarlane told Leung not to beg as she had quite a fortune. She was cautioned.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 14 (UP).—THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES: "ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED IN LONDON, THE BRITISH CRUISERS EXETER, ACHILLES AND AJAX HAVE CONTACTED THE GERMAN CRUISER ADMIRAL SCHEER."

"IT APPEARS THAT H.M.S. EXETER WAS DAMAGED BY THE SUBSEQUENT NAVAL ACTION, AND WAS FORCED TO DROP OUT OF THE ENGAGEMENT AFTER A FOUR-HOUR BATTLE."

"IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THE ADMIRAL SCHEER WAS HIT."

"She is now seeking refuge in Uruguayan territorial waters in the River Plate, and the latest report is that she has anchored in the outer port of Montevideo, where she is trapped."

"H.M.S. Achilles and H.M.S. Ajax continue in pursuit of the enemy."

"It appears that the British cruisers contacted the Admiral Scheer at 6 a.m. on Wednesday."

Behind this brief Admiralty announcement is one of the most exciting and dramatic stories of the war.

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She cannot hope to escape the British cruisers which, although

equipped with inferior armaments, have such vastly superior speed that the German ship cannot hope to elude them before larger and more powerful British battle-cruisers or battle-ships arrive on the scene.

The British cruisers and the Nazi pocket battleship came into contact off the Rio de la Plata (the River Plate) yesterday afternoon, according to an announcement by the British Embassy in Buenos Aires.

Although overwhelmed by the superior armaments of the German raider, the British cruisers closed in to engage the enemy.

Unofficial reports at first suggested that the 7,030-ton cruiser Achilles, flagship of the New Zealand Squadron, had been sunk, but these were denied.

The British Embassy announced that, although some damage had been done to both British and enemy ships, no vessel had been lost.

The British Legation in Montevideo, issuing a supplementary statement, says that the engagement was still in progress yesterday evening.

The battle was taking place
PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

Decisive Battle In Finland Awaited

FINNISH TROOPS ON SOVIET SOIL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 14 (Domei).—For the first time since the outbreak of hostilities, Finnish troops have succeeded in setting foot on Russian soil, according to unconfirmed reports reaching here.

A spirited thrust along the Leningrad-Murmansk Railway, in the northern front, has succeeded not only in driving the Reds from Finnish soil in this sector, but in permitting the Finns to advance into Russian territory.

Explosion Aboard Battleship

Seven Men Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 14

(UP).—Seven members of the crew of the obsolete 3,415-ton Swedish armoured battleship M a n i l a g a t t e n were killed outright to-day by a terrific explosion.

The explosion occurred when a small boat from the battleship went to investigate an "object" found floating in the water near Vinga, in the vicinity of Gothenburg.

The M a n i l a g a t t e n was launched in 1903. She is employed in coastal patrol and training duties.

The Finns are believed to be attempting to cut the Soviet railway, and thus intercept the transport of Soviet troops and supplies towards the Petsamo (Arctic) front.

Russian Gains
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (UP).—Finnish sources admit that the Russians are now in possession of Salla.

In gaining the city, the Russians lost 2,000 men. Finnish losses were only 250.

The Finns are concentrating large forces near Salla, which they hope to recapture.

Latest Soviet Claims
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (UP).—The Red Army communique states: "The Red troops have advanced a total of 63 miles towards Uthman."

"Uthman, on the Rikankanta-Serdobul Railway, has been occupied."

Enormous Soviet Losses
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 14 (UP).—Reports from the border claim that
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1889.
The International Conference on Slavery, now sitting in Brussels, has discussed a proposal for the establishment of stations in the interior of Africa with sufficient force to overcome the slave hunters.

A despatch from Stanley has been published in which he states he has discovered that Lake Victoria Nyanza extends to within one hundred and fifty-five miles of Tanganyika, and that the length of the Victoria Nyanza is two hundred and seventy miles, and that it covers an area of twenty-seven thousand square miles.

Carlos I, the new King of Portugal, is said to have a variety of tastes. He likes military affairs, is an art critic and a good Latin scholar.

The Russian ukase forbidding female telegraphists from marrying anybody except male telegraphists has been revoked, and now they may marry "any man of respectability" after having obtained official permission.

A good deal of powder has been wasted in the harbour to-day saluting something or somebody or nobody—but anyhow blazing away money in smoke and making a lovely row about nothing. A local ordinance prohibiting this idle practice in Hongkong harbour would make the reputation of any one of our unofficial legislators.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1914.
The German Press reports that the national Liberal leader, Herr Bassermann, in a speech to the members of his party in the Reichstag, made a definite admission that Germany intends to hold permanently the country which she has occupied, but she held fast to that which we have won," he said, "and over and above that acquire all that we need. By bloody war to splendid victory—that is the motto of this great time."

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1929.
M. Karakhan, the acting Foreign Commissioner at Moscow, arrived in Constantinople to-day on board a Soviet gunboat and proceeded to Angora as the guest of the Turkish Government. Recent Russo-Turkish coolness has disappeared, and the mutual trading agreement concluded at the end of last month, and the visit of M. Karakhan is believed to be for the purpose of further cementing the improved relations.

Once again has Canton repulsed an enemy almost at its doors. The iron-sided have been beaten back at every point, and they are retiring rapidly, probably until they are able to reorganise. Further confirmation of their defeat on Tuesday night is available within it is certain that the Kwangsi troops on the West River are also withdrawing.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1934.
It is learned on the best authority that Mrs. Mary Pickford Fairbanks will divorce her husband, Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., before the end of the year.

A.R.P. ORDERS NO 13

Instructions by Director
For Coming Week

A.R.P. Orders by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Training
A.R.P. Examinations—Examinations for Air Raid Warden and Air Raid Warden Instructors will be held at the Club Lusitano and Wah Yan College at 5.45 p.m. on the following dates:
December 27, General Warden and Instructor; Paper Part I; December 28, Instructor; Paper Part II; December 29, Instructor's Part III.
Any candidates, other than those already detailed, wishing to take these examinations should send their names to the Director of Air Raid Precautions, A.R.P. Department.
A.R.P. Lectures—In Chinese, Yau-mat Government School, Kowloon, Tuesday and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. commencing December 22. Lecturer: Miss Lo Wai-mun, L.A.G.I., Chinese Chamber of Commerce, 65 Connaught Road, Central. Tuesday and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Lecturer: Mr. Fung Yau-leung, L.A.R.P.S.

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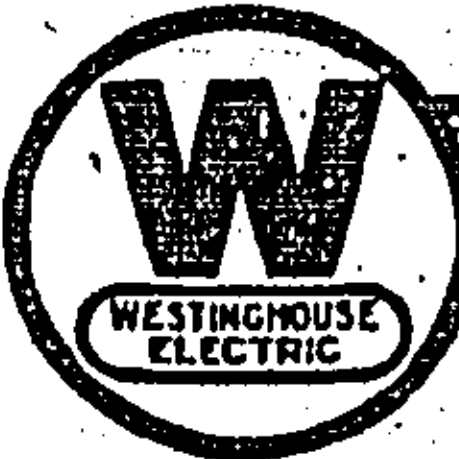
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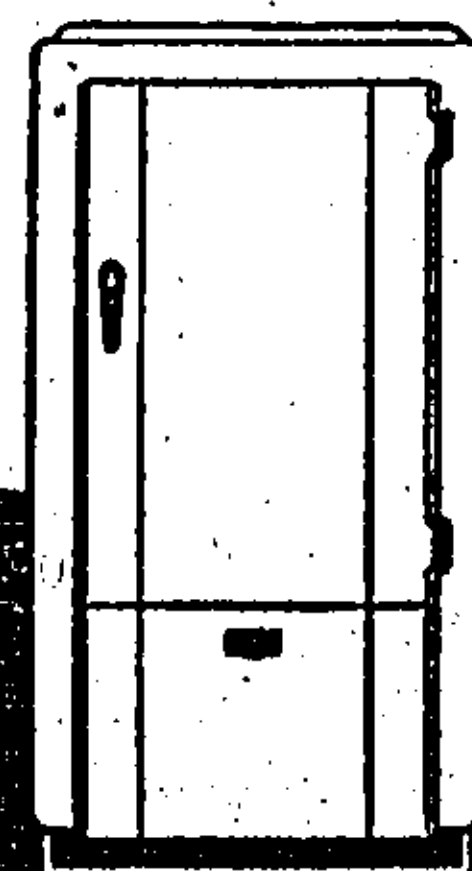
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H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) 232 b.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) 232 b.
Chartered 8 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. 20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. 11 1/2 n.
East Asia 73 b.

INSURANCES

Canton 220 n.
Union 395 b.
China Underwriter 1 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire 100 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases 71 1/2 n.
Steamboats 11 n.
Indo-China P.S. 80 b.
Indo-China D.S. 50 b.
Shells (Bentley) 70 1/2 n.
Waterboats 8 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves 101 1/2 n.
Docks 10 30 b. & sa.
Providents 4 50 sa.
New Eng. Sh. 10 80 n.
Sh. Docks 195 n.

MINING

Kailan 17 n.
Raubs 10 50 n.
Venz. Gold 4 n.
H.K. Mines 4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels 500 s.
Lands 33 1/2 b.
Lands 4% Deb. 100 n.
Shal Lands Sh. 10 40 n.
Humphreys 7 80 b.
H.K. Realities 4 40 b.
Chinese Estates 102 b. & sa.

UTILITIES

Trams 16 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old) 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) 10 1/2 n.
Star Ferries 60 b.
Y. Ferries 23 1/2 b.
China Lights (old) 8 00 b. & sa.
China Lights (new) 4 75 b.
H.K. Electric 52 1/2 n.
Macao Electric 18 1/2 n.
Sandalak Lights 11 1/2 b.
Telephone (old) 24 1/2 sa.
Telephone (new) 18 1/2 n.
Traction 18 1/2 n.
Traction (Pref.) 18 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. 14 00 n.
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Canton Tees 1 n.
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H.K. Rope 5 50 b.

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Dairy Farms (old) 20 50 n.
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Watson 9 00 s.
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Sincere 1 00 n.
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H.K. Entertainment 6 40 n.
Constructions (old) 1 75 n.
Constructions (new) 1 n.
Vibro Piling 8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 47 1/2 n.
C. Bonds 100 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 107 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) 14 1/2 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) 4 1/2 n.

MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bid prices:
Dec. 13, Morning
Antamok 15 1/2
Aok 15 1/2
Bago 15 1/2
Baling Duhay 511 B
Benguet 100
Bing Wedge 20 1/2
Coco Grove 10 1/2
Coco Mines 10 1/2
Demonstration 10 1/2
East Mindanao 10 1/2
E.L.L. 10 1/2
Ipo Gold 15 1/2
Hogon Mining 28 1/2
Mambao 10 1/2
Masbate 10 1/2
Mind. Motherlode 10 1/2
Mine Operations 10 1/2
North Camarines 10 1/2
Paracale 10 1/2
San Maurice 10 1/2
Surigao 10 1/2
Suyo 10 1/2
Syring 10 1/2
United Paracale 10 1/2

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:
Trading on the Manila Gold Share market continued dull and uninteresting with price changes negligible. The average moved slightly higher on a small volume.

Both I.X.L. and Ipo Gold went ex-dividend to be bid below the previous sales 1 1/2 and one centavo respectively. Hogon was up one-half centavo, as was Suyo and United Paracale.

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Volume of business done 125,000 Pn 66,000
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
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4	1000	New 5000, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 27,500	\$54	\$1,375

ADMIRAL SCHEER HIT

(Continued from Page 1.)

off Punta de Leste, in Uruguay, waters near Montevideo.

Another report says that the sound of heavy gunfire was still audible at 5.30 p.m. at Punta de Leste, in the prefecture of Amaritima, east of Montevideo.

At 6.30 p.m., an unidentified warship, but having all the appearances of and presumably being the Admiral Scheer, was sighted twenty miles off the Uruguayan coast.

She was then being pursued by two British cruisers, the Achilles and the Ajax.

Second Battle

Subsequently, urgent flash messages from "United Press" stated that a second battle between the Admiral Scheer and the two British cruisers was raging twenty miles off Punta de Leste.

The roar of heavy guns was clearly audible ashore.

Because of the darkness and smoke, it was impossible to distinguish whether any more ship was engaged in the battle, which was taking place well inside the Neutral Zone defined in the Declaration of Panama.

The Admiral Scheer was brilliantly attacked by H.M.S. Ajax, while H.M.S. Achilles ably defended the 9,975-ton French passenger liner Formosa. Apparently, Admiral Scheer was in the process of attacking the Formosa when she was herself attacked by the British cruisers.

Twelve shots were heard ashore after which the smoke completely blotted out the Admiral Scheer.

Forty-five minutes later the battle was resumed.

Captain Caillet Bois, French naval expert who has been vacationing at Punta Ballenas, near Punta de Leste, telephoned "United Press" at Montevideo.

"United Press" representative could hear the gunfire over the telephone.

Uruguayan newspapers assert that the first contact between the German raider and British cruisers was established yesterday.

Earliest reports of the conflict were received in urgent messages from Honolulu, the great U.S. naval base in the Pacific.

This led to the belief that the encounter had occurred in the Pacific Ocean, presumably on the U.S.-Australia trade route.

Uruguay, where the encounter actually occurred, is on the south Atlantic coast of South America.

The encounter was one of speed versus power—brains versus brawn.

Both the Achilles and the Ajax, cruisers of 7,030 tons and 8,350-tons respectively, are capable of steaming at 32.5 knots, as compared with the Admiral Scheer's 26 knots.

But the Nazi pocket battleship has vastly superior armaments. The Achilles and Ajax, which are sister-ships, launched in 1932-33, have only eight 6-inch guns and 22 smaller guns, as compared with the Admiral Scheer's six 11-inch guns, eight 5.9-inch guns and 19 other guns.

Achilles, together with her sister-ship, the Leander, was lent to the New Zealand Government to form a New Zealand Squadron. She is the flagship of the New Zealand Squadron and, since the outbreak of hostilities, has been attached to West Indies Station, engaged with ships from there in hunting down the Nazi raider. Achilles is manned by New Zealand personnel.

The position now is that the Admiral Scheer is still in the area.

ALLIES ORDER U.S. PLANES

(Continued from Page 1.)

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—It is reported from New York that orders have been placed by the Allied Purchasing Commission for 470 aeroplanes.

Two hundred, valued at \$5,000,000, are to be delivered to the R.A.F. The French have ordered 270 bombing machines of a special type with a speed in excess of 300 miles an hour.

Both the British and German warships are equipped with aeroplanes which can be sent aloft to reconnoitre the sight of the enemy is temporarily lost.

It can be anticipated that the British cruisers, because of their inferior armaments, will make no serious effort to sink the Admiral Scheer, but will be content to "hunt" her until the arrival of battle-cruisers of the Renown type, which will be able to make short work of the enemy.

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The complement of the Achilles is 550 men. The Admiral Scheer, which is a 10,000-ton cruiser of battleship design, carries over 1,000 men and has a cruising range of almost 20,000 miles.

The Achilles was built at a cost of \$1,500,000 at the Cammell Laird yards and was launched in 1932. She was commissioned on October 10, 1933. Her speed is 32.5 knots.

The Admiral Scheer was launched at Wilhelmshaven in 1932 and was commissioned on November 12, 1934. Her speed is 28 knots.

There are no indications in the Honolulu reports of the position of the raider, but it would presumably be somewhere on the trans-Pacific trade route between the United States and New Zealand and Australia.

When the war began the combined strength of the Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy in cruisers was 58 ships.

A considerable proportion of this strength has since been engaged in the search for the Deutschland and the still more elusive Admiral Scheer.

All the evidence has gone to show that the latter has entered Pacific Ocean waters, presumably to menace Antipodean shipping. The Deutschland is believed to be still in Arctic waters, where she sank the Rawalpindi.

Earlier reports this week stated that British battleships were stationed off Murmansk, attempting to prevent the Deutschland from entering that port.

"Reuter" Report

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Reports of a naval battle off the Uruguayan coast are carried in Argentinean newspapers, who quote their Monte Video correspondents.

The battle is reported to have been between the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Scheer and four British cruisers.

H.M.S. Achilles is reported to have been sunk in the encounter. (This is denied in official statements issued in Monte Video, Ed.) There is as yet no confirmation from official circles.

The presence of the Admiral Scheer in South Atlantic waters has been definitely established by the arrival in Buenos Aires of the O.S.K. liner Buenos Aires Maru, whose captain reported passing the Nazi pocket battleship just before entering the Rio de la Plata estuary.

It will be recalled that the Admiralty recently hinted that three cruisers of the East Indies Station, the Achilles, Exeter and the Achilles were in the South Atlantic searching for the Admiral Scheer.

In London the Admiralty say they have no knowledge of the naval encounter, but no full denial of the reports has yet been issued.

FINNISH TROOPS ON SOVIET SOIL

(Continued from Page 1.)

the Russians have lost 22,000 men since the outbreak of hostilities.

The Finnish losses are placed at only 1,200 men.

Russian prisoners of war total 1,800.

One hundred and fourteen Russian tanks have been destroyed.

Decisive Battle Near

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". COPENHAGEN, Dec. 14 (UP).—A decisive battle is expected in central Finland before the end of the week, according to the military correspondent of the well-informed "Berlingske Tidende."

This, the correspondent states, becomes inevitable following the capture by Red troops of the strategic city of Salla.

The correspondent expresses the belief that the battle will occur somewhere on a line between Myrskylampi and Kurve.

The Finns are reported to be rushing every available man to this sector. The defenders are making feverish efforts to construct a new line in the Salla sector, but they are considerably endangered by the advance of two Russian columns, one from Salla and the other from Huomalahti.

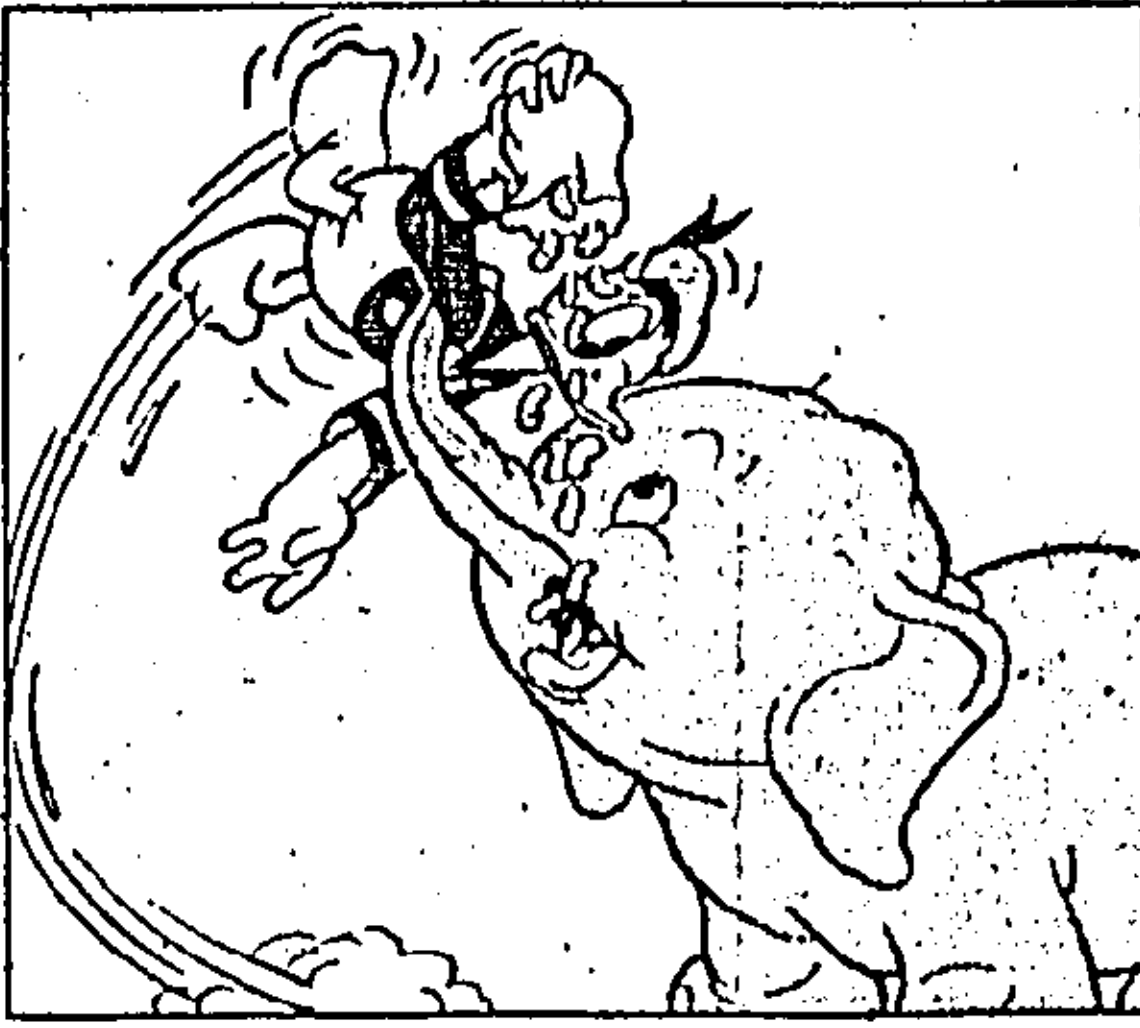
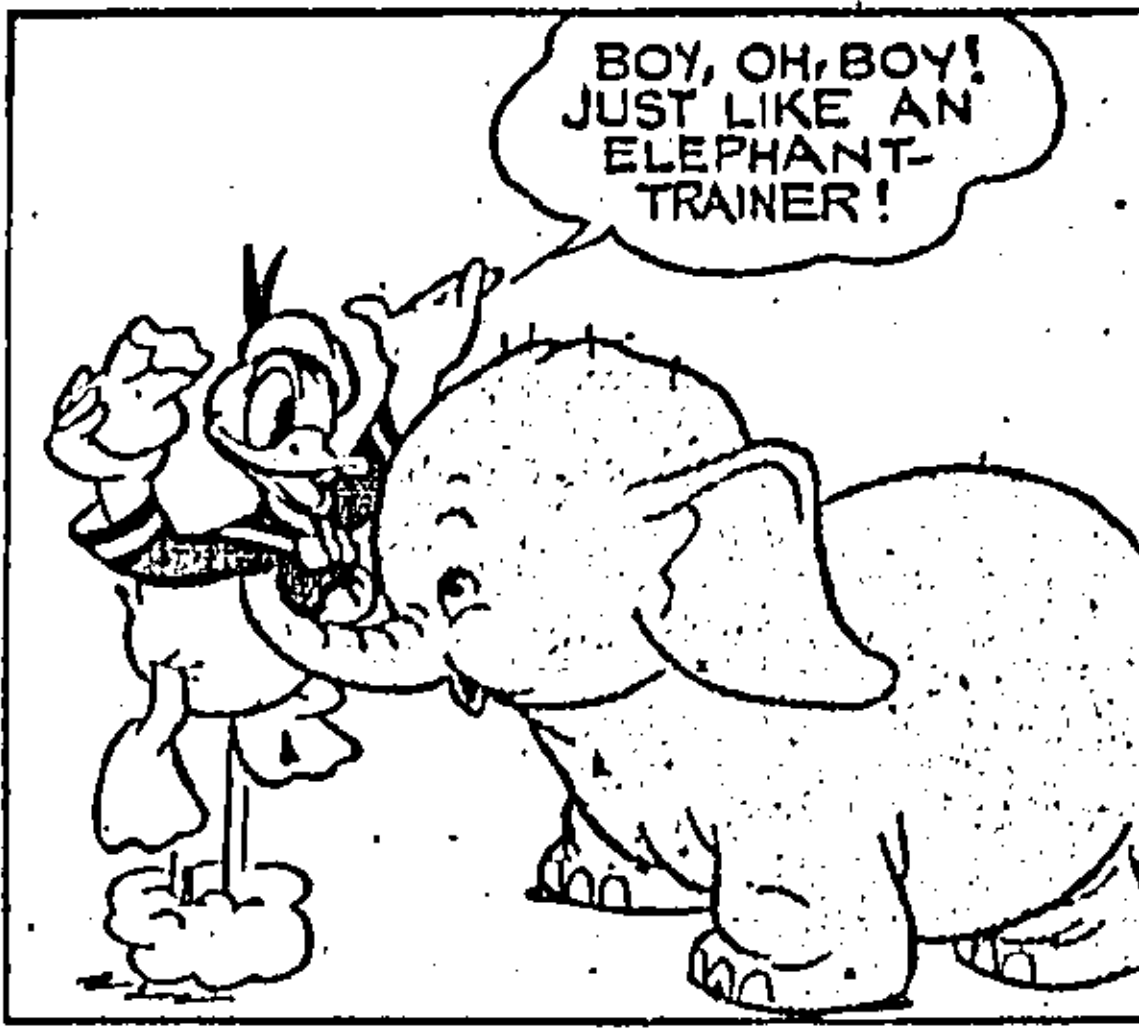
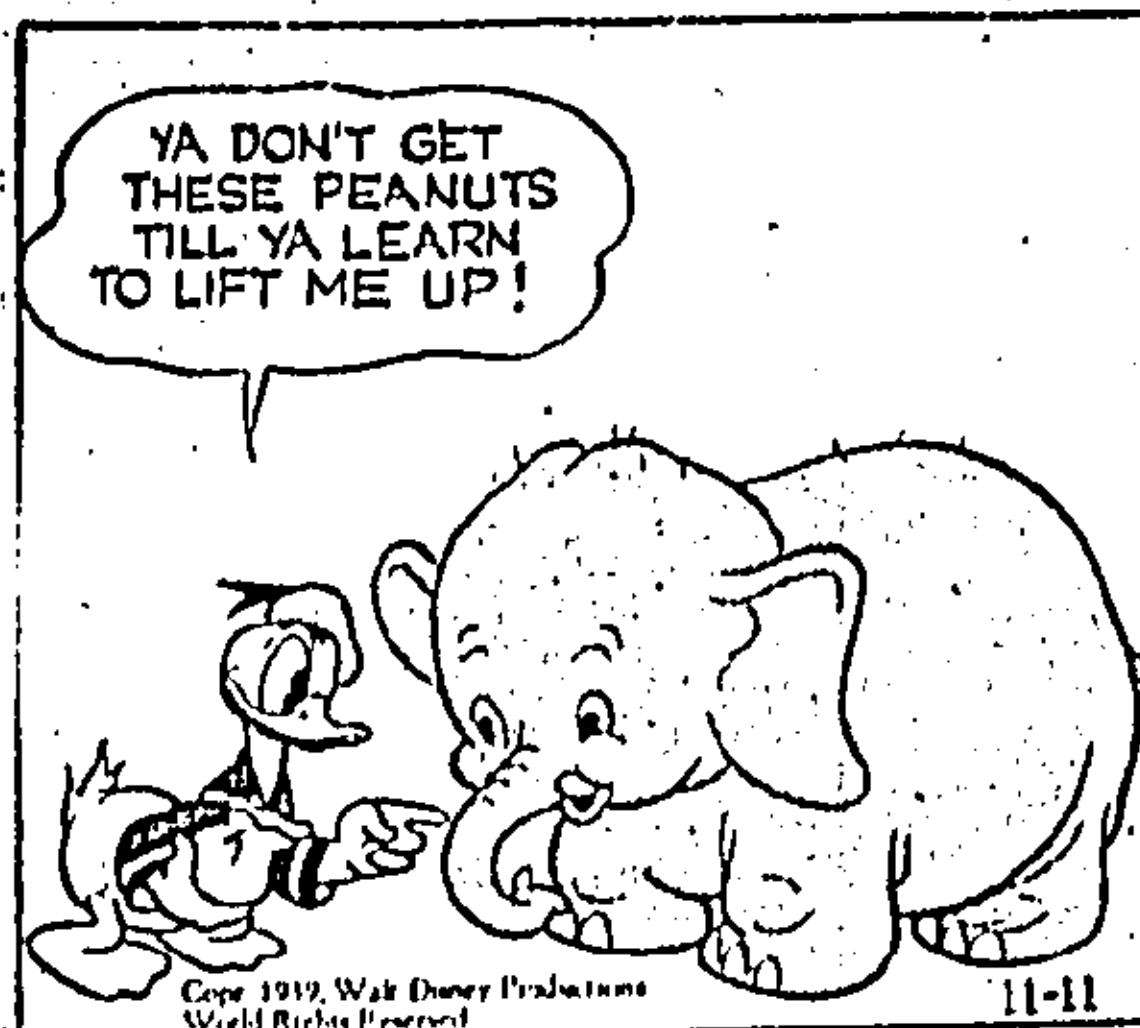
It is feared that these columns made effect a junction at Rovaniemi, thus severing north Finland from the south.

Heroic Ski Soldiers

"Ski soldiers are the heroes of the retreat from Salla," the correspondent reports.

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Nazi Liner's Escape Aided By Law

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—No official information is yet available as to whether an attempt was made by the Bremen submarine to take the Bremen as a prize.

The German version is that the submarine attempted to attack.

Lord Strabolz, formerly Lieut. Comdr. Kenworthy, who was on the Admiralty Staff in the last war, upholds the action of the submarine commander in not torpedoing the Bremen.

"We are fighting this war to ensure international law. If there were German aeroplanes in the vicinity, the submarine could not come to the surface and she was precluded by international law from torpedoing the Bremen out of hand while submerged."

"This shows that as commerce controllers, submarines are inevitable unless established international law is disregarded."

"The Bremen, however, is of no more use to Germany in a German harbour than she was at Marmansk."

"She is too large to arm as a cruiser, too expensive in fuel and too large to act as a transport."

Lord Strabolz added that the Bremen had much in her favour in eluding British warships because of the long nights and the possibility

ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE

Four Italians Held In Brussels

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Four Italians have been arrested at Liege on charges of espionage.

Three of them are of German origin. They are said to have spread Nazi propaganda and to have asked soldiers, who visited the cafe owned by one of them, for information.

A raid on the premises brought to light a map and a pistol.

Damaged Submarine Returns To Port

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Navy Department said the new submarine Sea Dragon, which shipped water through a hatch while making her trial runs, is proceeding to the Portsmouth Navy Yard for inspection and repairs. The damage is said to be slight.

of using Norwegian territorial waters.

Another Ship Escapes

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Norddeutscher Lloyd announces the safe arrival of the liner Bremen at Bremerhaven, and it is claimed that another German liner, New York, has reached Hamburg from Marmansk.

Common Allied 'Empire' To Fight Menace Of Nazi Domination



Hitler's "angry, irritable and indecisive mood," is well illustrated in this "Paris-Soir" cartoon. Goering is asking Goebbels: "Is this a map of the front line?" "No," answers Goebbels: "It's the old man's temperature chart."

Anglo-Turkish Treaty

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (UP).—Russia is now alleging that there are several secret clauses in the Pact of Mutual Assistance between Turkey, Great Britain and France.

Among these is a clause providing for the organisation of an anti-Soviet army in Turkey.

The army, Russian sources claim, will be under the command of the French world war veteran, General Petain.

It will comprise 400,000 Frenchmen, 80,000 Britons and half a million Turks.

LONDON, Dec. 13

(Reuter).—The new monetary and economic agreement between Great Britain and France, which in effect pools the resources of the Allies for the duration of the war and until six months afterwards, is welcomed by the British Press as a step that welds the last link in Allied unity.

The "Times": "This agreement, together with other agreements, shows that there is now more than an alliance between the two countries. Measures such as this are the right way to reply to the boasts of Walther Funk, the Nazi Minister of Finance."

The "Daily Telegraph": "There could hardly be stronger proof of the community of performance by Great Britain and France."

The British Press also expresses great satisfaction at the report in the House of Commons yesterday by the Minister for Air Sir Kingsley Wood.

The "News-Chronicle", however, points out that we have a long way to go before we can establish that overwhelming superiority over the Nazi air force which is essential for our safety and victory.

The paper hopes that Sir Kingsley Wood will be able to give the public more information about Britain's air activity.

"Manchester Guardian" leader points out that in the Anglo-French financial agreement one thing missing from the comprehensive economic agreement of November 17 gives the lie to the German legend that the interests of the Allies are separate and to the propaganda seeking to divide them.

It is worth emphasising, Paragraph 9 which states that the two governments will share certain items of expenditure.

"The contribution of the two governments is fixed on a basis to take due account of the national wealth of each."

"In general the French contribution is 40 per cent, and the British 60 per cent, of the total."

The intimate co-operation of the Allied Governments is supplemented by the close bonds of organised labour as illustrated by the first meeting in Paris to-morrow of the joint Anglo-French Trade Union Council, representing 10,000,000 Allied workers.

Repatriation Of Capital

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

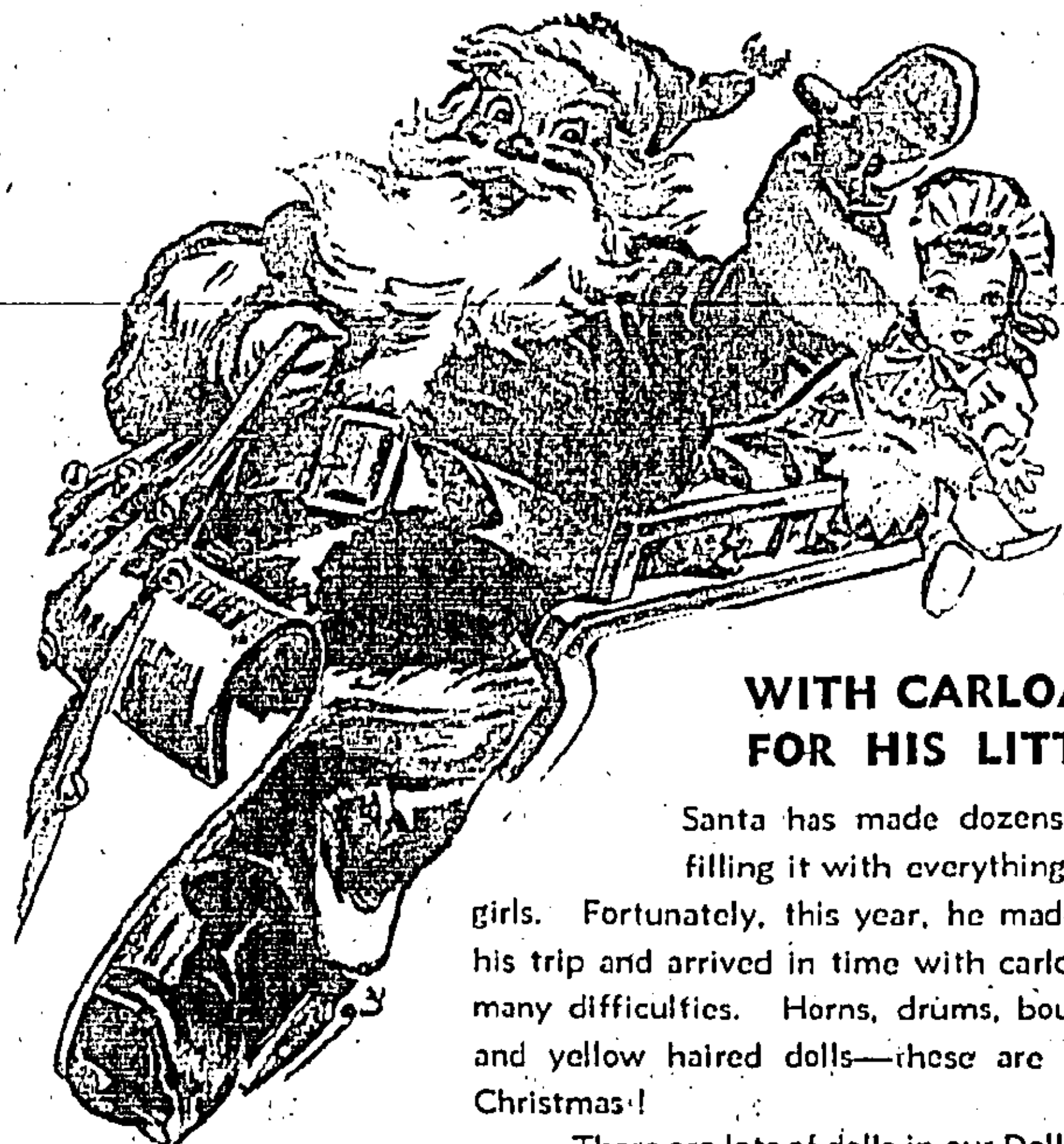
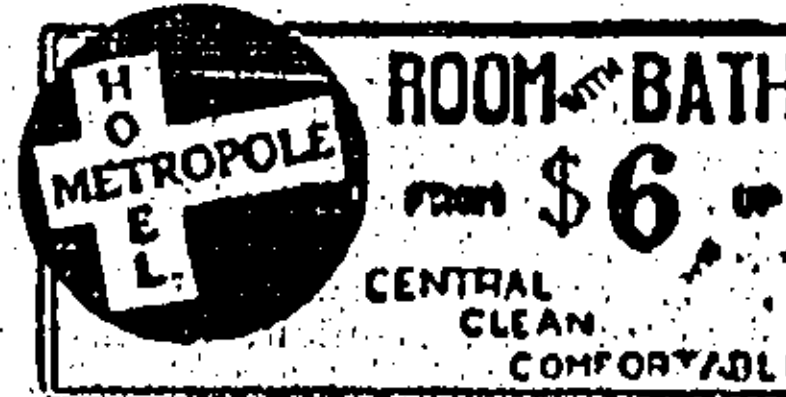
PARIS, Dec. 13.—The "Official Journal" has published a modification of the decree covering French bank accounts and financial holdings abroad. Originally all French citizens abroad were required to declare such holdings by December 1. The time has now been extended to January 15, 1940.

The Ministry of Finance explained the move was caused by a fear the premature closing date would interrupt a heavy return of capital to France. Most of this capital could not be seized without a long, difficult process of checking accounts and instituting legal proceedings.

A joint report by Premier Daladier and Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, to President Lebrun recently stated that the "repatriation of capital since September 10 has grown so greatly that reserves have enabled the country to meet all foreign expenditures of the government thus far in the war."

Swiss President Elected

BERNE, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Dr. Marcel Pilet-Golaz, the retiring vice-President, was to-day elected President of the Swiss Confederation for 1940 by the Federal Assembly.



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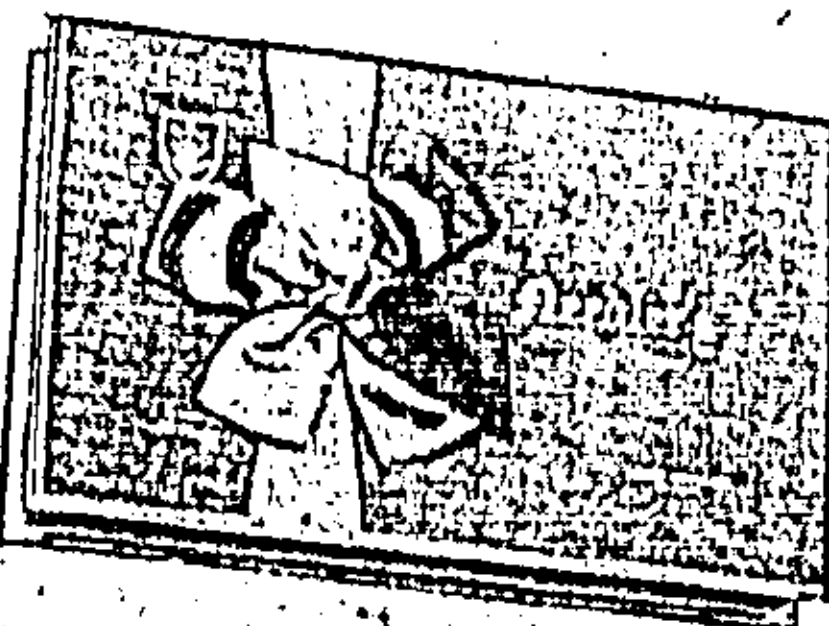
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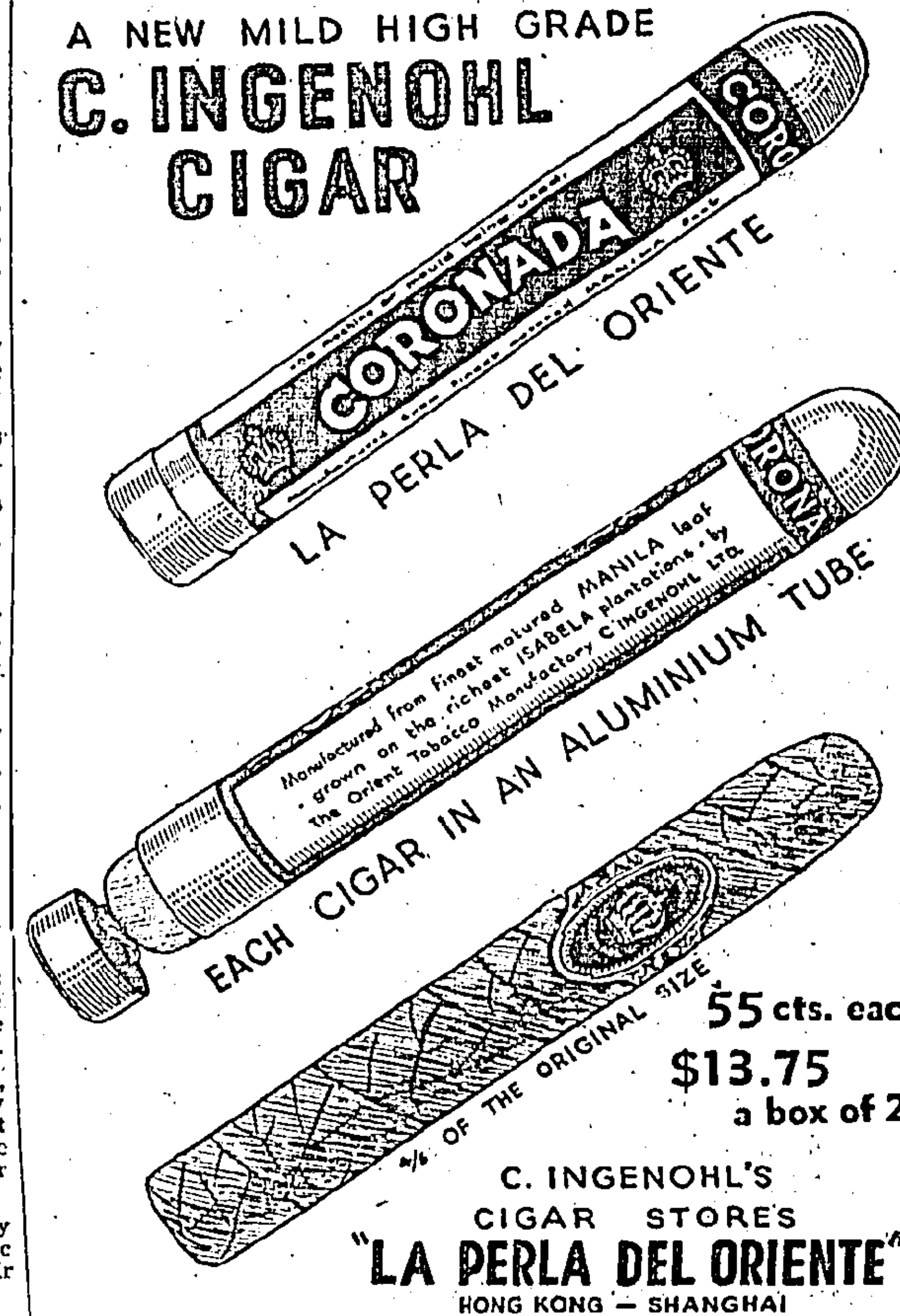
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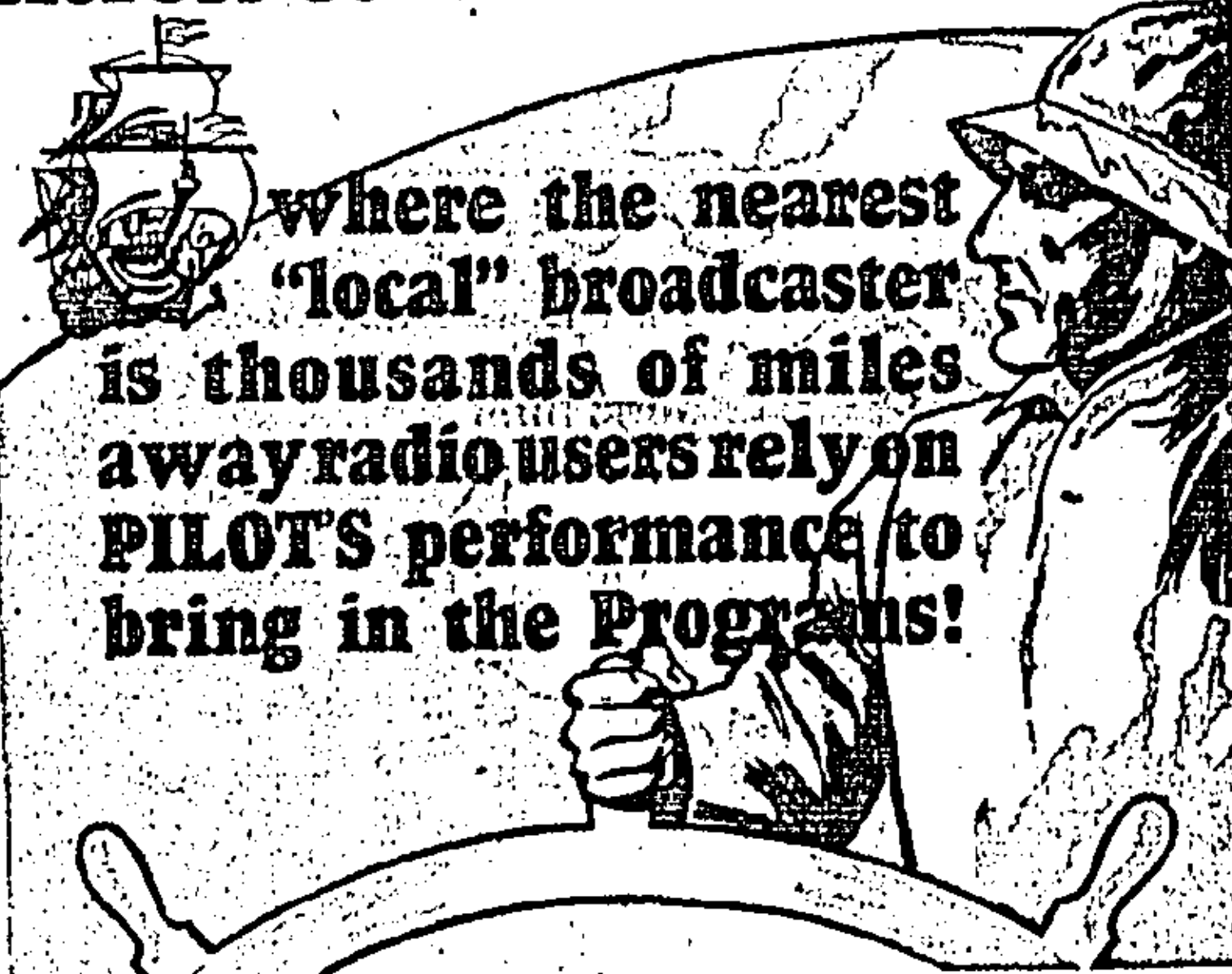
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War On Finland

It has only needed the League of Nations to complete the history of one of the most remarkable events in history—the swing from all the pretty, fine ideas about resistance to aggression which Russia had for some years championed—and complained that we others did not sufficiently support.

The pact with Germany and the quickly succeeding invasion is naked expediency regardless of all right and wrong. Germany's war is Russia's opportunity. Russia desires Finnish territory for her own purposes. Therefore Finland's independence and integrity must be destroyed; she must be ruthlessly invaded; shells and bombs must be dropped on her peaceful towns. Thus the new Russia demonstrates the principles of her policy towards the small countries, towards the rules of international law and honest dealing, "with particular force."

Russia desires to secure herself against attack both on the Black Sea front and in the Baltic. She says that she fears for Leningrad; she is determined to make herself mistress, as indeed she is already, of the Gulf of Finland and hence of the whole Eastern Baltic. For this purpose she forced concessions from the Baltic States, which control the southern approaches to the Gulf. In the process, however smooth her words, she broke their independence; they are without powerful friends, they are completely at her mercy. Finland was of tougher stuff. Throughout the long negotiations that ended a few weeks ago she was conciliatory but firm. On some things she would yield but she would surrender nothing that could be used to destroy her independent life; she would not concede a base on her own mainland nor abandon the fortified positions opposite Leningrad on which her own defence depends. Therefore Russia, having determined to get her way even at the cost of war, has during the last ten days sought to make out a "case" against the victim. The model was Nazi, the imitation poor. The Finnish people number three and a half millions, which is about the size of Leningrad; the Russians are more than 150,000,000. But the Finns, it seems, were plotting to make war on mighty Russia. What is more, they were brutally attacking the Russian Army along the frontier. Nor did the Finnish lamb show its teeth out of the mere viciousness innate in the species, though that would have been bad enough. It had surrendered itself to the evil promptings of "imperialism." Britain, and everywhere that Britain went the lamb was sure to go. This being the official nursery tale, all the attempts of Finland to offer peaceful measures were rejected out of hand. The frontier disputes could have been investigated; arbitration could have been invoked. Finland offered both and was refused. The United States was ready to mediate and said so; that escape also from the brutality of war was rejected at Moscow. History does not contain a clearer case of "unprovoked aggression."

The King IS 44 To-day

HERE IS HIS BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE:

King George the Sixth was born at five past three in the morning on December 14, 1895. Libra was rising in his birth chart, giving him an even temperament, a strong sense of justice, and a well-balanced mind.

At his birth Jupiter, his ruling planet, was on the meridian, a very fortunate augury for people born at that time.

Sagittarians (and the King appears to be a typical subject) are independent people, instinctively on the side of the down-trodden and oppressed, and they can be very outspoken too when their feelings are roused.

The sun and Mercury in the King's sign bestow a democratic and philanthropic outlook.

The 5th A. A. Has Its Baptism

"ACTION . . . PLANE . . . Height control," roars the G.P.O., pointing to the sky. "Predictor on target." "Height nine-five hundred." "Height nine-five hundred set."

"Vertical steady . . . Lateral steady." "FIRE!" "Fuse one-six." And in seven or eight seconds the first shell is on its way to meet the oncoming plane; the whole taking hardly more time than it takes to read these words.

THE 5th A.A. Battery of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps went into Camp at Shek-O on December 2, and stayed for one week, but in that short period proved their worth beyond even the expectations of their most enthusiastic Battery Commander.

As one of the gunners of the Battery, it is difficult to write of this Camp without opening myself to an accusation of self-praise, but this can be set aside at the outset when I say that in A.A. Gunnery an individual is useless as an individual for ensuring the efficiency of his Section, for this is dependent mainly on team-work.

Each of the thirty-odd men who compose the Section is working in conjunction with and is dependent on the collective action of the others. An error by one nullifies the work of the others, and the results are shown in the sky.

WE were "paper" gunners who went to Shek-O on December 2. Most of our training had been on imaginary targets with imaginary shells.

It was impossible to foretell how we would show up in a baptism of fire.

Our first test came on Tuesday, the day on which His Excellency the Governor paid us a visit.

At 10.30 a.m., a silvery speck appeared in the sky (a plane from the Far East Flying Training School, whose members, together with the Volunteer Air Arm, have been so helpful in flying for us).

The Regulars' unit from the 7th A.A. Battery, R.A. opened up with Short Burst Ammunition to inure the recruits to the sharp crack and behaviour of the guns. This S.B. ammo. does what its name implies, and bursts half-way, or thereabouts, between the target and the guns. The plane is safe, but the bursts in the sky reveal accuracy.

It was our first time of firing, and it was well done.

THE real test, however, was during the afternoon, when full charge shells were

used on a "sleeve" towed by an R.A.F. plane. We were, in a peering within effective area of way, fortunate in the weather, for it was bright and warm, but the cloudless sky did not make it easier for the "spotting" of the target.

The Regulars again fired first. With our ears wadded with cotton wool, the first almost ear-splitting crack of the real stuff distinctly shook us. Flame and cordite smoke erupted from the muzzle for about three yards. The ground heaved slightly (we were on sand), the report made our eyes blink, and the wave of air from the explosion all but rocked us on our feet.

The worst, however, was over. Succeeding reports grew proportionately less alarming, until by the time for our turn at the guns, all signs of flinching were gone. I am one of the Predictor detachment, myself, and am stationed some twenty yards to the rear of the guns. At that moment I entertained a sympathetic regard and a certain admiration for the Gunners who were to sit on the guns and actually send those shells to their destination. But, I was later informed that my sympathy was wasted, for the concussion of the earth and the waves of air were not felt by the Gun numbers, while the explosion was hardly greater when twenty yards nearer the gun.

With an eye glued to the Predictor telescope, and trained on the "sleeve", I was in the fortunate position of being able to watch our bursts in the sky. Though it may be distinctly uncomfortable for the men in the aeroplane, there is little that can equal the satisfactory feeling there is attached to seeing

RESULTS. Ours were just as satisfactory as those of the Regulars' section. But better was to come! We were more than eager for our second "go" on Wednesday, and we showed an improvement on the previous day's firing. The G.O.C., His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, was present, and his words of praise at the end of the day gave us a pardonable glow. But most pleasant of all were the congratulations of our R.A. instructors. They had put in a lot of extra time into our training, and it was most gratifying to feel that we had not let them down.

We were unable to wangle drinks out of our officers that evening, but we know that their satisfaction was equal to our own.

SO much for the day shooting. Our first essay at night firing was not so successful, but it was not discouraging. The atmosphere was heavy and damp, and the searchlight beams were like columns of solid white stone. At the junction of the beams was a tiny dot which was the plane.

Actually, when the plane first flew over with only navigation lights showing, it was easier to spot and follow with the telescope than with the naked eye.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Do you plead not guilty to assault and battery, or do you care to boast?"

LONDON DIARY

Air Mail News
From Home

DR. F. W. ROUTLEY, Canada's Red Cross Commissioner, arrived in London last night from Toronto with his wife.

He has come to discuss the arrangements for the Canadian Red Cross organisation in England with Mr. R. B. Bennett, who recently undertook its chairmanship.

Mr. Bennett is now working in his offices in the Savoy, but his organisation is still in a skeleton stage. It is not likely to get much further until the Canadian Forces actually come over here in several months' time.

Plans, however, have now been completed for the large one-storey hospital which the Canadians are to build on a ten-acre site presented by Lord Astor at Cliveden.

Managing The Party

THE American broadcaster says that the Premier sees Captain Macgibbon, the Government Chief Whip, every morning at 11 o'clock. They discuss the management of the Conservative Party.

I should say myself that Mr. Chamberlain has more serious matters to dispose of at 11 a.m. than the behaviour of his faithful followers.

The Conservative Party have never been easier to handle than at this moment.

Visiting War Zone

MR. GILBERT MILLER is one of the privileged Americans who are given permission by their Government to visit the "belligerent zone" of England.

The reason is that he has theatrical interests to look after.

Mr. Miller has been here for ten days and is leaving to-day for New York. He refuses to allow the war to interfere with his business planning. And he proposes to return to London as soon as possible after the New Year.

Indeed, his interests in London began in war-time. For the first play he put on here was "Daddy Long-Legs," in 1916.

In Italy Now

He came to England this time by way of Genoa and Rome. He found Italy determined in her neutrality. But there was at the same time strong friendship for England and comparatively little for Germany.

To one porter he said: "The last time I was here the Fuehrer was visiting Rome."

"Our great friend," said the porter—and spat expressively on the ground.

Big Debate

THE House of Lords is expecting a busy first week of the new session.

On Wednesday Lord Addison is drawing attention to unnecessary interferences by Government departments with the lives and businesses of individuals. His motion is expected to lead to the first important Lords debate of the war. It may last two days.

When Parliament is opened on Tuesday the Address will be moved by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cork and seconded by Field Marshal Lord Milne.

In the first Parliamentary session of the last war it was the junior, not the senior service which enjoyed this honour. The address was moved by Field-marshal Lord Methuen, and seconded by Lord Bryce.

Lord Cork does not often find time to attend the Lords debates, but he was in his place this week, in a stern, ginger-headed figure in naval uniform, when the Government statement was made on the reprisals against German mine-laying.

Private Ingo

DR. INGE'S views on war are vigorously pacifist. He believed in 1914 that we should have remained neutral.

He maintains now that this war is a mistake, and can only open the way for Communism.

All his family, however, do not share his views. And his opinions do not interfere at all with his pride in being the father of Private Edward Ingo.

Mr. Edward Ingo returned home from the Sudan to enlist, having obtained leave from his plantation syndicate with considerable difficulty. And he is now in the Royal Army Service Corps.

Enjoyment

After 15 years of devoted attention from native servants, Mr. Ingo might be expected to take little pleasure in the tasks of washing up and scrubbing floors. Yet, it is said, he has declared that he has never been so happy.

Dr. Ingo has two other sons and a daughter. The eldest son is with the Burmah Shell Oil Company, and works in Bombay. He is an expert airman, but is not allowed to enlist.

The third son is a curate in a large parish near Leeds, and Miss Ingo is a hospital nurse.

Spirited "Fight Or Negotiate" Debate In House Of Lords VISCOUNT HALIFAX REPLIES TO THE PACIFISTS

LONDON, Dec. 13 (British Wireless).—The offer made some time ago by the Queen of the Netherlands and the King of the Belgians of their mediatory offices and subsequently rejected by the German Government was recalled in the House of Lords' debate to-day initiated by Lord Darnley, with the support of Lord Arnold, who has consistently criticised the policy of resistance to aggression for several years on pacifist grounds. Lord Balfour of Burleigh summed up the attitudes of these two speakers as "War settles nothing—lets try for compromise".

BRITAIN BUYS 200 AMERICAN BOMBERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 13, (Reuter).—It is authoritatively learned that the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation has signed an agreement with the British Government for 200 reconnaissance bombers. The order is stated to total \$20,000,000.

DARDANUS HELD UP

To Be Repaired At
Fort Bayard

The Imperial Plane Dardanus which was shot down by the Japanese in the Yellow Sea last month, will not be arriving back in Hongkong this afternoon as was expected. The plane was reported and flown to Fort Bayard yesterday from where it was expected to take off for Hongkong to-day. It has been found, however, that further repairs are necessary before she can complete the journey.

Imperial Airways announced this morning that an engineer and spare parts will be sent down to Fort Bayard from Hongkong as soon as possible, and it is uncertain when the plane will be able to get back to the Colony.

Mail Plane Delayed

The usual mid-week Imperial air mail has been delayed 24 hours and will not arrive at Kowloon this afternoon, it was announced by Imperial Airways this morning. The plane is expected to arrive tomorrow about 4 p.m.

First Secret Session Of The War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—For the first time since the Great War, the House of Commons met to-day in secret session.

The session—a record of which will not be kept—was called in secret at the request of the Opposition, which has brought forward criticism of the Government's organisation of supplies to the armed forces. All strangers were ordered to withdraw from the House at 4 p.m. when the secret session commenced and all entrances and exits to the Chamber were barred.

Not even newspaper representatives were admitted to the Chamber during the session, the only members present being the four Sergeant-at-Arms, who were clad in their centuries-old costumes.

During the Great War, the House of Commons met seven times in secret session. The last occasion was on January 18, 1918.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO WAR CHEST

LONDON, Dec. 13 (British Wireless).—Contributions in money and kind to the cause of the Empire in the war still continue to arrive from subjects of His Majesty in every quarter of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and from dependencies and also from the British communities in many foreign lands. Notable among the latter is the patriotic fund raised by the British community in Argentina which now amounts to approximately £10,000, either paid already or promised before October 31, 1940.

A woman, Chan Chuen, 47, of Wanchai Road, was knocked down by a motor car yesterday by a military lorry driven by Sgt. Jones, R.F.C. She was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Chinese Take Offensive On All Fronts

Yangtse Valley As Battleground

LATEST dispatches indicate that offensives and positive military actions have been adopted on all fronts since yesterday, states a "United Press" message from Chungking to-day.

The long offensive front in the Yangtse Valley stretches from the Han River eastward on Chungking, in South Hupch; southward on Puchai, in Northern Kiangsi; and northward on Fonghsin, in Wuning.

Chinese military authorities have confirmed that Chinese troops have recaptured Chungyang and Yang-lousu, and that they are still holding them.

They state that the new Fourth Army and the Eighth Route Army have also been instructed to launch offensives in the Nanking area and in Shensi simultaneously.

Chinese troops at Chungking, Shensi and the Yanchow-Nanning zone of launching made surprise attacks at the same time.

Observers say that the attacks were made on the orders of the High Command and are a prelude to the long-planned general counter-offensive.

Successes in North

Further Chinese successes in the north are reported by "Central News".

It is stated that a sweeping Chinese victory was scored near Chushien, 60 miles north-east of Lini, in South Shantung, a few days ago. The Japanese at Chushien launched a vigorous southward drive under cover of fierce artillery fire, but the Chinese, while engaging the enemy on the main front, sent a detachment to the enemy's rear.

Following two days of fighting, the Japanese were practically annihilated, Chinese sources claim.

A Fancheng report states that breaking a seven-month stalemate since last May, Chinese forces in North Hupch launched an offensive on Tuesday.

According to military despatches to hand, they have made unexpectedly speedy progress and recaptured several strategic points.

Guerrillas Active

In the north, increasing Chinese guerrilla activity behind the Japanese lines in Kwangsi is reported. Yang-pohu, about 20 miles south of Nanning, was wrested back on Sunday night.

Guerrillas are moving about freely in the San Mao Tsu Shan range, cutting Japanese communication lines and ambushing Japanese transport units.

A "Domel" report from Canton this morning states that Japanese forces in South China during November encountered 41,000 Chinese troops of whom 9,000 have been slain and 1,000 have been taken prisoners.

Another message reports that Japanese military aircraft yesterday morning bombed the Chinese military base at Kiuha in Chekiang Province and destroyed the headquarters of the Chinese peace preservation forces in Chekiang and the headquarters of the Chinese 10th Group Army.

Concentrations of Chinese troops near the city were also bombed, the base officials announced.

ASSAULT ON BRITON

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14, (Reuter).—Sergeant King, a Briton, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, in the course of his duties last night in the Shanghai Central District, near the Sincere's Department Store, was assaulted and beaten up by several Japanese.

King was sent to hospital though his injuries are not serious. He is believed to be sustaining severe bruises and a broken thumb.

Four Japanese were apprehended. Three were detained and charged with assault.

It is stated that they will be handed to the Japanese authorities upon request.

NAZI GOODS FOR BALTIC STATES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
KAUNAS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Germany is making the greatest efforts to increase her exports to the Baltic states, following the institution of the Allied stoppage of her overseas exports. Lithuania is inundated with offers of German goods.

Mr. A. E. Wade, of 220 Prince Edward Road, reported to the Police yesterday that he either lost or had stolen from his car between Tsimshui and his residence, a case containing Masonic regalia valued at \$150.

Expert Evidence

HONGKONG PROFESSOR IN COURT

Latest Turn In Property Claim

Expert evidence regarding the signatures on the mortgages which the plaintiffs alleged were forgeries was given by Prof. Hsu Ti-shan, of the Hongkong University, at the Supreme Court this morning when hearing of the property dispute was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The property is in Des Voeux Road, Central and Wing Lok Street. The plaintiffs are Chan Fu-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nim. As co-owners, they declare that, without their knowledge, the property was mortgaged and ask for a declaration that the signatures are forgeries.

The plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro Jr., instructed by Mr. C. d'Almada. Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, represented Fung Kai-sun against whom the action has been brought.

Mr. Potter said that before replying to the application made by Mr. Sheldon yesterday to file an alternative defence alleging, among other things, that the third plaintiff was not what he claimed to be, he would like to call expert evidence regarding the signatures.

Formidable Case

Mr. Sheldon said he had considered the identity of the plaintiffs and, as far as the first and second were concerned, he would like to say that it would be idle for him to pretend that the other side had not put up a formidable case.

Mr. Potter expressed his appreciation of this gesture which would shorten the proceedings considerably, as it left only the identity of the third plaintiff to be dealt with.

Prof. Hsu said he had studied Chinese calligraphy for a number of years and was in a position to express an opinion with regard to Chinese hand-writing and to distinguish one from the other.

The signatures on the mortgages, purported to be those of the plaintiffs, were in his opinion, different from those written by them in Court.

Not Good Imitation

Witness then described the difference in strokes and said that if the signatures on the mortgages were intended to be an imitation of the genuine ones, they were not very good.

Questioned by Mr. Sheldon, witness said the signatures of Chan Kwok-nim on the cheques produced were not done by the same hand, which wrote the signature on the assignment deed, although one of them bore the same characteristics and significance. The signatures on the cheques, however, were made by the same hand.

Mr. Sheldon: Isn't it odd then that the man who wrote the signatures on the cheques should have, in one case, the same characteristics and significance as that on the assignment deed, and not the other?

Style may be followed by others but not necessarily by the same person. Maybe, this was done with the intention of imitating. The similarity seems to me to be accidental.

The case is proceeding.

NORWAY'S GIFTS TO FINNS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSLO, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Norwegian subscriptions to Finland now exceed 1,000,000 kroner. Norway is also sending Finland a fully equipped ambulance with four surgeons and ten nurses. About 200 volunteers have applied to join the Finnish forces.

CAR STOLEN

A Morris saloon car, No. 2083, valued at \$2,000, and belonging to Miss Kwok Chuen-chung, of 99 Robinson Road, was stolen from Dabington Path yesterday.

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THE POPE ILL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 13, (UP).—Some uneasiness is being expressed regarding the health of His Holiness the Pope.

It is reported that His Holiness is cancelling all general and most of his private audiences until after Christmas.

This step is being taken upon the advice of his physician.

Penance And Fasting

It is believed that the Pope is deeply shocked by the European War and the spread of communism in Europe and has undergone severe penance as a result.

This, which has included periods of fasting, is believed to have aggravated and weakened his condition.

SOVIET ENVOY RETURNS HOME

Without Presenting His
Credentials

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Dec. 13 (UP).—Russia's new Ambassador to Rome, M. Nicholas Gorkin, has suddenly returned to Moscow without presenting his credentials.

The reason for his departure appears a strict secret. No quarters whatever, either Italian or Soviet, will comment.

It is reliably reported that Count Clano, the Italian Foreign Minister, received M. Gorkin shortly before his departure for Moscow. It is understood that the Ambassador received a telegraphic summons from Moscow on Monday night.

The new Ambassador arrived in Rome just prior to the Russian invasion of Finland. His credentials are reputed to have been to the Emperor of Ethiopia, King of Albania and King of Italy.

It is not known whether there is any connection between his departure and the recent anti-Communist demonstrations in Rome.

British Coast Not Bombarded

LONDON, Dec. 13 (British Wireless).—Asked in the House of Commons at question time whether instances had occurred of the bombardment of any places in the British Isles by enemy submarines or surface vessels, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty replied: "No."

HANOI, Dec. 13 (Domel).—The Japanese monoplane "Yamato," which has stopped here for three days on its way back home from Bangkok, left here for Canton at 8 o'clock this morning.



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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

CHARITY GAMES AT KING'S PARK

High Standards In Games To Aid British War Organisation Fund

GENIAL WEATHER was associated with the Mainland v. Island women's match at King's Park last Sunday in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. The result of the game—Mainland 2, Island 1—was in keeping with my expectation. Moreover, the game was contested at a furious pace, and very even.

There was no score in the first half, but the Island might well have done so had their inside forwards, Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Dalziel, not been unlucky or had followed up with more speed and dash. The scoring of the first goal by Miss Purves, in the second half, however, gave them a strong pull, and Mainland supporters have elevated their eyebrows.

Up to this period the Mainland halves were very unsettled—the usual big game excitement, mis-hitting, half hitting and plenty of over anxiety. Soon after, the Mainland attack came into their own, and the forwards showed far more activity in their short passing.

Miss D. McCaw, Miss Harker and Miss Marr, tipped the ball from stick to stick quickly, and the halves participated in the rapid following-up. Miss Marr, who is no fleet of foot, got well past Mrs. Strage, and tapped the ball to Miss Harker, who in turn flashed it across the goal-mouth. Miss H. Reid dashed in and placed the ball magnificently into the net. The equaliser. After their brilliant start, the pace set by the Island forwards slowed down a lot in the last half as it was to be anticipated, and though they frequently worked the ball up to the circle, their efforts were frustrated either by Miss G. White and Mrs. Gilmore, or checked by a save from Miss June Hall, who did really well for her first big match.

THE WINNING GOAL

THIS lack of sting amongst the Island forwards in the final stages was noticeable, whilst on the other hand the Mainland attack, who worked with more thrust and dash, eventually obtained the winning goal. Miss Marr again took possession and sent a nice pass in to Miss D. McCaw, the latter rested Mrs. Lunson with a full-blooded drive, which was well stopped—the ever-ready Miss Reid once again dashed through to give her side victory, before Mrs. Lunson could recover.

Prominent Features Of The Game

MISS K. POCOCK gave a bright display at centre-half for the Island, she tackled splendidly, and fed her forwards with nice flick passes. The wing halves, Mrs. Stone and Miss B. Greaves, were great spoilers, with Mrs. Stone the better of the two. Miss E. Gray was the best back on view, her defence was so sound that in Services' quarters she was termed Hongkong's Maggot Line. Mrs.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1939.

Hockey Association Council Meeting

A Council Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall this afternoon at 6 p.m. A full attendance of members is requested.

Strange was also well in the picture. I would say the Island defence was in top form. There seemed to be less steadiness amongst the Mainland halves. In the first half when the Island attacking pressure was at its height, the wing halves, Miss M. McCaw and Miss J. Wong, became rather agitated. With Miss I. Woolley playing consistently, they improved perceptibly, however, in the second half. Mrs. Wilcott was the best of the backs. Of the forwards, Miss D. McCaw was fast and bustling in the centre and Miss Harker and Miss Marr combined exceedingly well on the right flank. Miss H. Reid and Miss M. Shand on the left did as well as could be expected. Both



A brief clash during the Island-Mainland hockey match last Sunday in aid of Charity.—Ming Yuen.

teams gave of their best. There is always a medium of playing luck in every game. It did not seem to come the Island way.

Services 2 Civilians 2

THE CLOSENESS of the annual matches between these two teams makes little difference. Services and Civilians always play such strenuous and fast hockey with fierce endeavour and skill—with plenty hard fighting, hard hitting and close tackling. All these playing virtues were again in bold evidence last Sunday.

To summarise the play itself, there was really little to choose. The teams were well matched, except that the Services' forwards were much faster, and never hesitated to shoot at once when in the circle. Services started well, and were bent on getting the first goal to place them in a strong position.

The Civilians' defence was called upon to put in all they knew. It was not long before the expected goal arrived. Off a short corner hit taken by Datta Ram, Benwell made partial clearance, but Parthub slipped in to score. This happened after about ten minutes, in which the Services' forwards were far more aggressive than the Civilians five.

Though the Services were much the better team in this half, there was too much whittling—the ball went far too frequently into touch, which means so much interruption of play. The "slogging" hard hit was greatly in evidence, and was of no use to anyone.

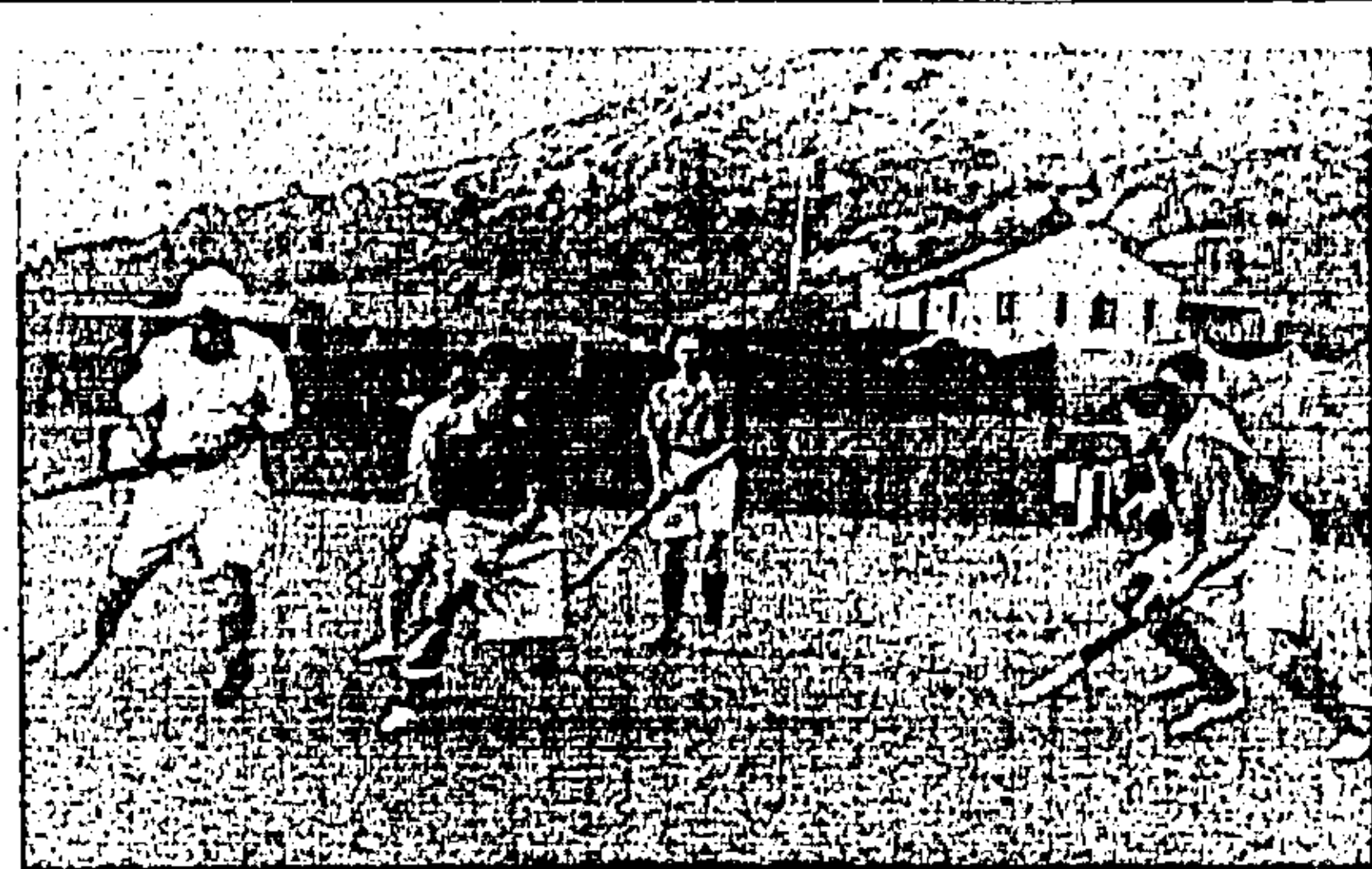
When half-time came, Services led one-nil.

CIVILIANS IMPROVE

THE Civilians forwards could not control their passing strength, or work their passes in unison with one another. They, however, improved in the second half. The halves, had

Rugby Football

ROYAL SCOTS BEAT CLUB



L. Hook (Services) steering the ball away from Gurbachan Singh (Civilians) in the charity hockey match in aid of the B.W.O.F. at King's Park last Sunday. The match was drawn 2-2.—Ming Yuen.

now got right in their stride. Then came their first goal.

It was an opening by W. A. Reed that gave E. Fowler his chance to score, and he made no mistake. Ticker, they were continually pressing, and giving the Services' defence active employment. Pyara Singh, this time, sent S. A. Fowler through to give the Civilians a 2-1 lead.

Services towards the end came back with a spirited attack, and Pritam Nath equalised with a soft goal, when Benwell completely mis-kicked the ball.

The Services were hard pressed, and defending strongly when the final whistle went.

Comments Of Players

THE Civilians backs, Bond and Gonsalves, were sound. The former was fast in his tackling and hit hard and cleanly. W. A. Reed, the old General at centre-half, played his usual fine game, and controlled his passes with skill. Brown and N. Whitley, the wing halves, also performed well. Brown, in particular, was more constructive in the latter stages, when he took complete control of Neralin and Parthub. The attack was fast enough, but as I have said, it lacked cohesive qualities.

J. Soares was seldom fed on the left wing, and S. A. Fowler had an off day. G. Singh, inside right, displayed fine stick-work and passing skill, and Pyara Singh, as leader, distributed the ball well. E. Fowler, though new to the inside left position, was always a trier.

The Services defence played finely, but rather tapered off in the second half. Baines did by no means badly in goal; he had as many shots to clear as Benwell, and he rarely failed in his judgment. Datta Ram, left back, was the central figure of the defence, and he was well supported by Mrs. The halves, Cowley, Hook and Corrie-Hill, shone in the first half—they kept good contact with their forwards, and broke up several Civilians attacks. Pritam Nath was a brilliant leader, and both wing combinations showed a great speed and fine stick work.

It would not be right to close without referring to the excellent umpiring of the four officials. Their decisions were prompt and correct, and the games proceeded without any trivial whistling, but major faults were promptly noticed and dealt with.

Credit must also go to Mr. D. T. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the H.K. H.S., and his group of organisers who arranged the matches so splendidly.

IN their League encounter at King's Park last Saturday, "Y" Ladies, present Caer Clark Cup champions, easily defeated St. Andrew's, their nearest rivals, 4-1.

The "Y" line of attack worked with terrific speed and rhythm. The right-wing combination of Mrs. Burnett and Miss Harker, was out-



Mrs. Gardiner taking the ball down the right wing for the Island against the Mainland in the charity hockey match at King's Park last Sunday. The Mainland won 2-1.—T. W. Chen.

Cricket

Royal Engineers Draw With C.B.S.

Brilliant Bowling By Sapper Ratcliffe

A BELATED ninth wicket stand of 86 runs saved the Central British School from defeat when they met the Royal Engineers in a friendly cricket match on the School ground yesterday. Despite the brilliant bowling of Sapper Ratcliffe, who took 6 for 20, after having figures of 5-2-5-6 at one period, W. G. Pryde, first wicket down, was undefeated with 52 and K. A. Moffan was 37 not out when the game ended.

The School commenced disastrously and had lost 8 wickets for 10 runs before Pryde and Moffan became associated.

THE SCORES WERE:

R. ENGINEERS				
Spr. Ratcliffe, c Labrum b Smith	6	0	18	2
Spr. Smith, b Pryde	1	0	17	1
Sgt. M. Green, b Saunders	2	0	27	1
Sgt. Carpenter, b Saunders	1	0	42	1
Cap. Cross, b Smith	1	0	17	1
Sgt. Denyer, c Moffan b Ascho	24	0	24	1
Spr. Heath, not out	10	0	10	0
Spr. Murphy, b Saunders	1	0	10	0
Cap. Parsons, b Labrum	1	0	10	0
Lieut. Pope, b Smith	1	0	10	0
R. J. Taylor, not out	15	0	15	0
Extras	15	0	15	0
Total (for 9 wks.)	103			

Bowling Analysis				
Smith	10	3	27	4
Saunders	7	3	17	1
Ascho	5	0	42	1
Pryde	4	1	22	1
Labrum	4	1	17	1

C.B.S.				
A. M. Odell, b Ratcliffe	1	0	1	0
W. G. Pryde, not out	52	0	52	0
A. W. Brown, Shaw b Ratcliffe	8	0	8	0
Cap. Smith, c Carpenter b Parsons	0	0	0	0
H. V. Lockhart, c and b Ratcliffe	0	0	0	0
G. Labrum, b W. G. Ratcliffe	0	0	0	0
Spr. Ascho, b Ratcliffe	0	0	0	0
E. P. Hurley, b Parsons	0	0	0	0
K. A. Moffan, not out	37	0	37	0
Extras	7	0	7	0
Total (for 8 wks.)	105			

C. R. Lawrence did not bat.				
Bowling Analysis				
Ratcliffe	6	3	20	6
Smith	2	0	19	0
Carpenter	2	0	20	0
Pope	3	0	25	0
Denyer	4	0	14	0

standing and sent across many beautiful passes. Mrs. Starbuck, as pivot, Miss Pocock, left half, were brilliant, and so was Mrs. Stone, right back. According to their display last Saturday, there is no team capable of defeating them this season.

St. Andrew's replied with a few raids, from one of which they scored. Miss June Hall, in goal, was in no way to blame, in fact, had she not played so well, the score would have been much higher. A better performance was expected of the Saints, but the team gave a ragged display, and were well below their normal form.

Superior Kicking Wins The Match

(By "Fly-half")

KICKING won the match for the Royal Scots yesterday evening when they defeated Club by two goals to a goal and a try. Club had bad luck when, following a kick ahead, a forward got over, only to be called back for a previous infringement, and again when Bidwell dropped a goal which was disallowed as it had been touched by a Royal Scots' player before it went over.

In the fight for the ball in the tight scrums, Salter had the measure of Sutherland. The Army pack mistimed their shove by pushing too much before the ball was put in, and were generally caught unawares by the sharp shove by the Club eight at the moment the ball was put in.

In the loose and the line-outs, the honours were more or less even, with Club disappointing in their falling back in defence, and the Army forwards ready and up to take any advantage of dropped passes by their opponents. Henderson received close attention by the Army wing forwards, and scrum half, and as a result, Butcher had to accept any sort of a pass, which considerably hampered the backs.

During the game Day had a recurrence of a leg injury and this appeared to detract from his play, in which he was weak in defence. Bidwell did a good deal of opening up in attack and the second Club's score for Butcher, who backed up splendidly to take his pass and score behind the posts, Carruthers and Lavalle were too well marked to get properly into stride. The former did, however, have one or two good runs.

ARMY'S BEST THREE BOE was Army's best three-quarter, and generally evaded the first tackle. His final passing left much to be desired, especially on one occasion when he broke through to draw Thompson, at full back for Club, only to sling out a rotten pass at Lang's feet, for him to knock-on in his attempt to gather.

The Club had hard luck in scores disallowed; the Royal Scots lost points by poor finishing. Cuthbertson, a forward, turned out at inside-three with some success. A dribble across the field by a Club forward allowed Boe to pick the ball off the feet of the dribbler to carry on and score. Boe himself converted.

Pinkerton went over for the Royal Scots to increase their lead. Boe converted.

Club's first try was well-taken by Day, following a clean heel by the Club pack in a loose maul. Stout failed to convert. Butcher scored under the posts when he backed up a Bidwell break-through to receive the pass when the inside was confronted by the full back. Bidwell converted.

Garcia-Lee Bout Finally Arranged For December 23

MANILA, Dec. 13 (UP).—After an exchange of radio messages with Jack Dempsey at Honolulu, the promoter, Jas. Cortes, announced that the Garcia-Lee fight will be held on December 23.

Negotiations For Garcia-Hostak Bout

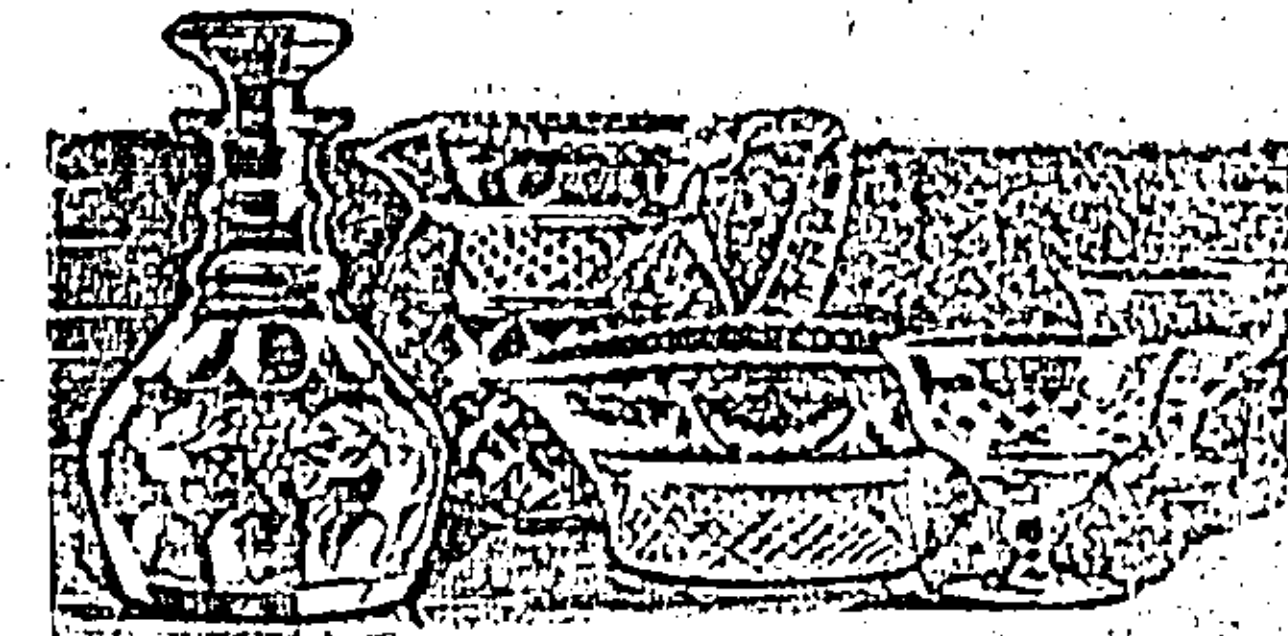
Cleveland, Dec. 13. Mike Jacobs by telephone has opened negotiations with Hostak's manager for a possible bout with Garcia at Madison Square Gardens in the winter.—United Press.

Navy Fail To Make Appearance

The First Division League football match between Middlesex Regiment and Royal Navy, scheduled for next Saturday at Sookunpo, but brought forward to yesterday afternoon on the same ground at 4 p.m., was not held, the Navy failing to make an appearance.

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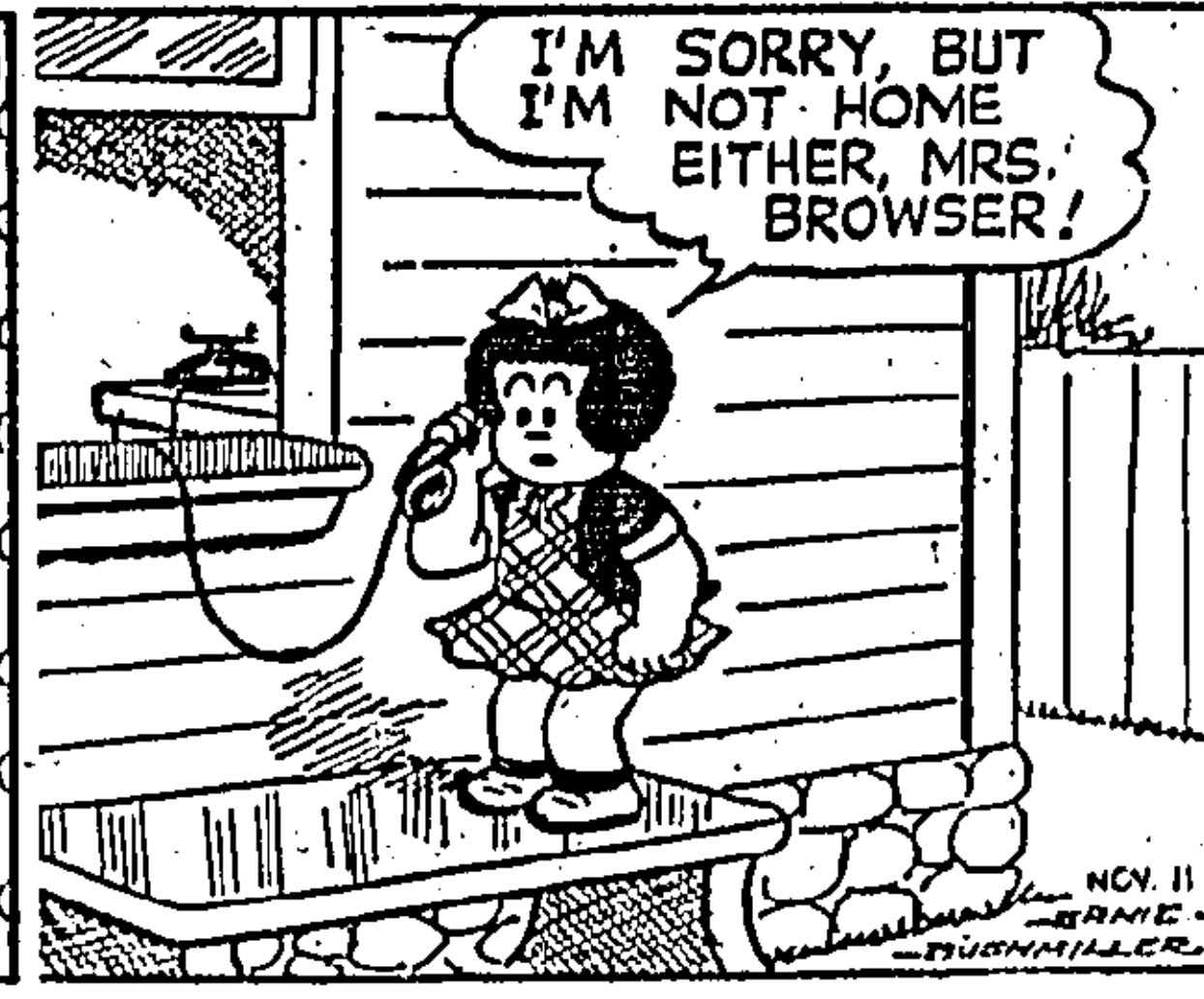
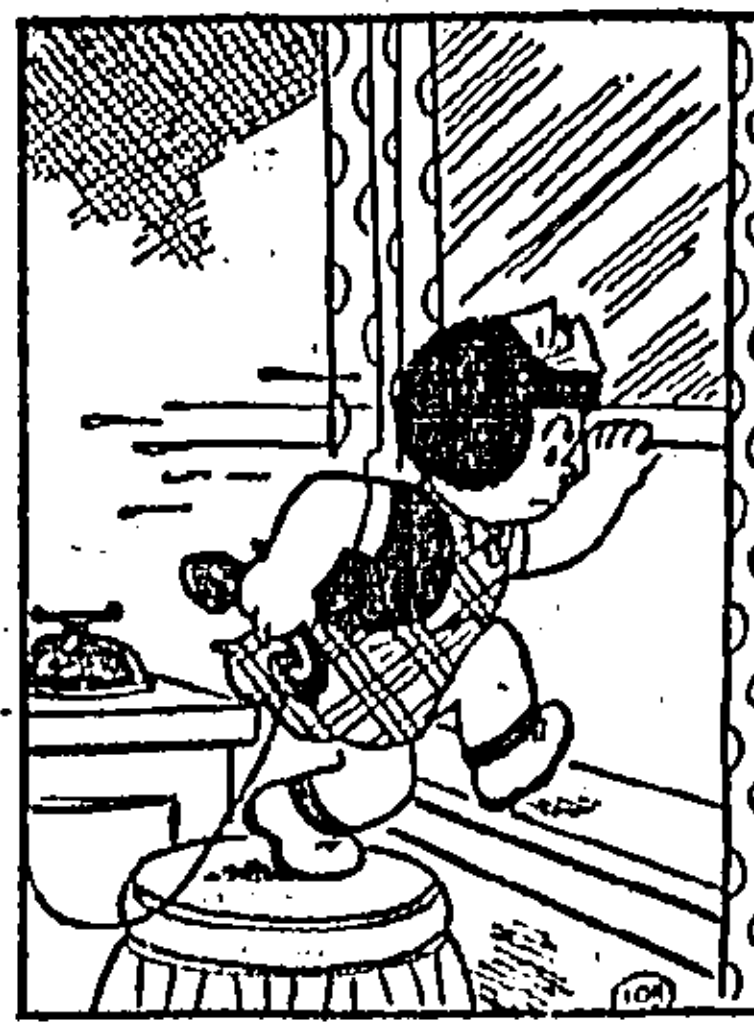
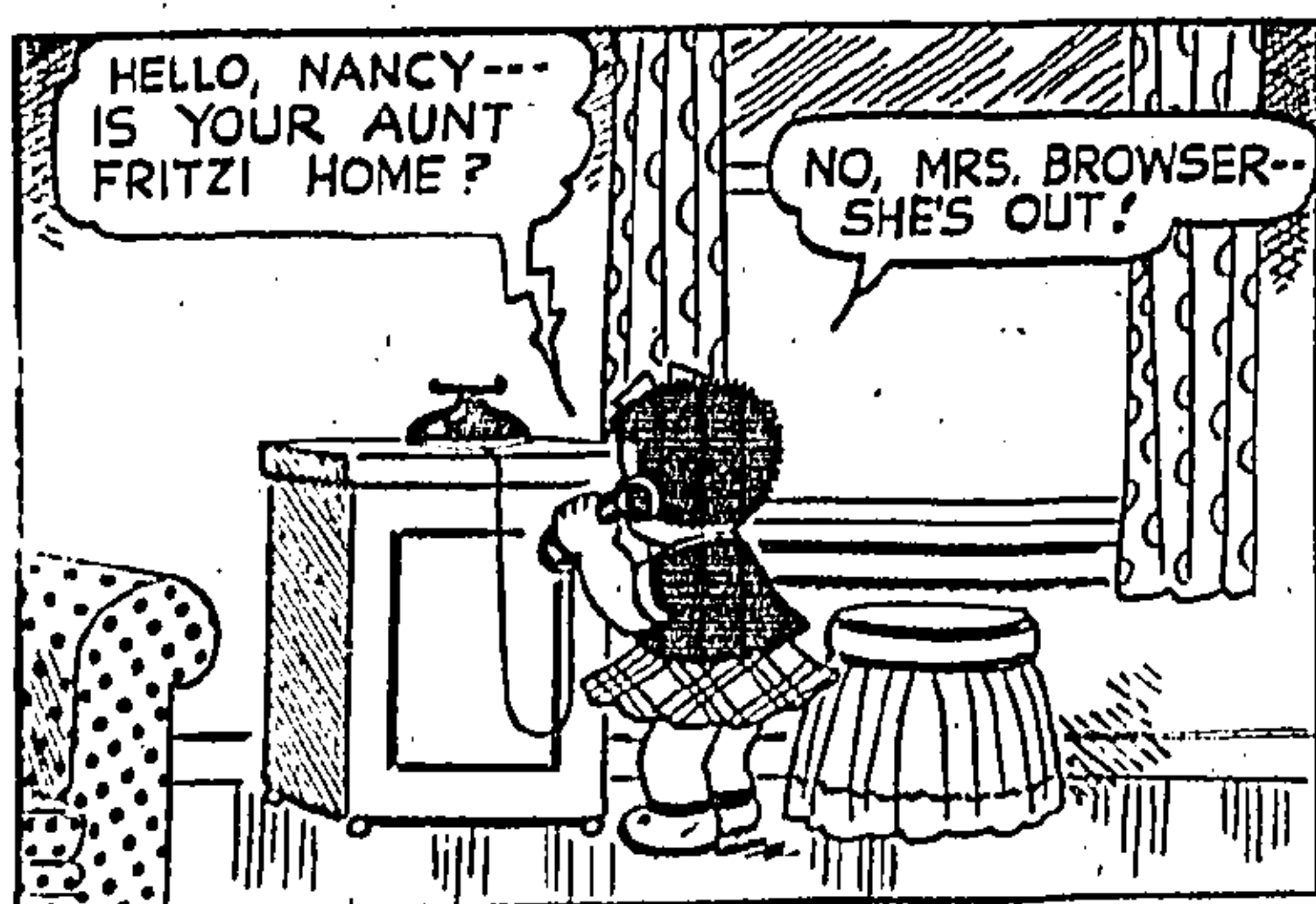
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Finns Seek To Break Soviet Lines PREPARATIONS FOR COUNTER-ATTACKS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 13 (UP).—Reinforcements have been rushed to the eastern and central fronts. Military officials indicate that preparations are being made for a determined stand to stall the Russian drive towards the Gulf of Bothnia.

The withdrawal of Finnish troops from the central front is designed to draw the Russians out of their position in preparation for counter-attacks.

Despatches from Copenhagen said the counter-attacks have already started with some success in the Salla sector, on the northern wing of the central front.

There is no indication of diminution of confidence in the main defence lines on the Karelian Isthmus or on the eastern front, despite reports that Russia has moved up huge reinforcements.

The Finns claim that they are subjecting the invaders to devastating fire as they try to advance towards the Gulf of Bothnia across the open country and through unfamiliar forests.

Although the Finns claimed heavy Russian losses so far, no Finnish casualty list has been published. The Finnish spokesman explained, "It would be no use; none would believe that the losses have been so small." The Finns claimed an important victory in mid-Finland, where they are trying to stall the Russians (They

claim to have killed above 2,000 Russians in the Tolvaajervi sector.) A Finnish war bulletin reports that Red planes, flying above the clouds last Tuesday, bombed Hango and the Tammisaari islands in the Gulf of Finland.

The extent of damage is not disclosed.

Finns Make Big Gains

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 13 (Reuters).—It is unofficially reported that the Finnish advance at Tolvaajervi, mentioned in a Finnish communiqué, has been very considerable.

It is said that the Finnish troops are pushing rapidly towards the Russian frontier.

Other unconfirmed reports are that the Finns have retaken Pitkaranta on the northern shore of Lake Ladoga, and also Suomussalmi and Salla, the key-point of the northern front.

If the last-named is true, it indicates the great success of the Finnish counter-offensive, for the Russians had planned to make Salla their base and headquarters.

Furious Fighting

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuters).—Although it is obvious that the Soviet forces in the far North and in the south are being strongly held, the position in the centre is far from clear.

Soviet troops are making a determined effort with mechanised columns to cut Finland in two at the narrowest part by driving through to the Gulf of Bothnia.

Home and Swedish reports say that the furious fighting at a point 130 miles from the Soviet frontier, but the reports are not believed in Helsingfors where it is said that such a rapid advance across trackless waste is "out of the question."

Finland planes have been very active, and 12 miles of railway on the main line from Murmansk to Leningrad have been destroyed by bombs.

British Planes For Finns

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuters).—Sir Kingsley Wood, the Minister for Air, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the British Government has decided to grant export licences to a British firm to enable it to send aircraft to Finland.

Approval For Gas Masks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Reuters).—The Finnish Government is requesting permission of the United States to use the U.S. Army's latest gas masks.

The masks are still on the secret list.

Finland Claims

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 13 (UP).—A Finnish communiqué states: "On the sea, in the Kolvito sector, our coastal batteries again lent aid to the land forces by concentrated bursts of artillery fire."

"On Lake Ladoga, our coast batteries broke up enemy detachments along the coast roads."

"In the Saunamies section the coastal batteries also drove back an enemy transport and ship detachments."

Russians Take Island

ROME, Dec. 13 (Reuters).—According to a Helsingfors telegram, the Russians have occupied the island of Maasari in Lake Ladoga, but their progress in the Karelian front is insignificant.

The Finns are still holding Suomussalmi, about 17 miles from the frontier in Finland's "wasp waist," despite repeated Russian attacks.

According to the telegram, the Russians are desperately trying to cut Finland in two and sever her communications with Sweden.

Danger Of New War

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuters).—Cheers greeted Sir Kingsley Wood's statement that the Government had

By Ernie Bushmiller

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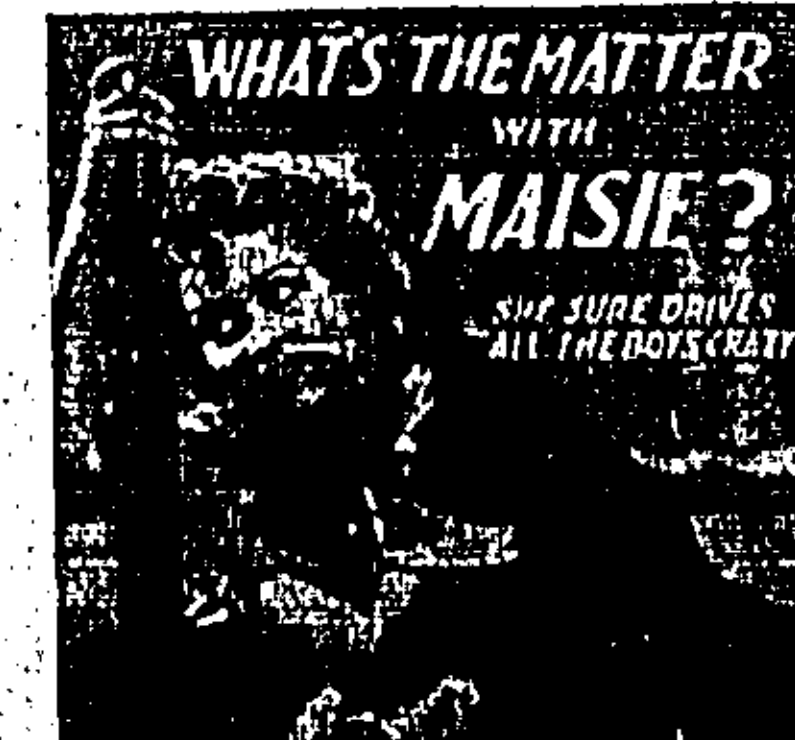
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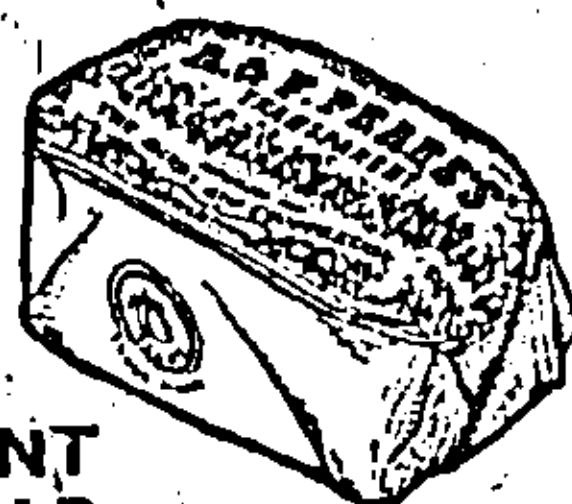
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OF course, you mean to make a real success of your Christmas gift buying this year.

You are determined to begin early, to make a thorough search for new and really bright ideas.

You want your gifts to reflect sound judgment, to show your friends that you know exactly what is likely to please them most. And certainly you are not going to jeopardise this fine resolution by leaving matters to the last moment.

If that is the spirit in which you address yourself to the annual problem of gift buying, you will be open to ideas from every quarter.

The first suggestion is to try to put yourself in the place of each one of the recipients in turn.

If you were in his (or her) shoes what would you appreciate most? Here you have to take into account such things as temperament, domestic circumstances, hobbies and other interests.

THINK LOOK CHOOSE

It is quite impossible to give a list of all the items likely to fit best into your list of Christmas gifts until all these considerations have been duly weighed.

A good plan is to begin, as suggested, by thinking of likely personal needs. Nearly everyone to whom you wish to give a Christmas present is one that you know well, and the only difficulty is when people seem to have everything they need.

Still, there may be something they could do with in the home or garden, or, failing this, you will have to seek inspiration from the new season's novelties.

When you have taxed your imagination to the full, go out to the shops and stores and see the thousand and one attractive and useful items which had not occurred to you. Make a note of some of the brightest ideas which you are able to spot in the window and counter displays.

There are so many you cannot examine them all closely on your first reconnaissance, though, incidentally

A Page of Bright Ideas to Help You Solve Your Present Problems.

It is already getting late for these preliminaries.

There are only two more weeks for gift buying and you can disregard next week if you intend to complete your purchases while the best selection still remains.

Do not forget that the solution to many a vexing problem for the Christmas gift buyer is to select something for the family. This may be in the nature of furniture, an indoor game, or some labour-saving contrivance.

Again, why not something really seasonal? Nothing more obvious, perhaps, yet what could be more acceptable to any household than a Christmas hamper of good things to eat and drink?

A GIFT YOU WOULD LIKE

Think how much you yourself would appreciate such a gift, say a case of wines or spirit, to help you out with the entertaining you are sure to be doing over the holiday and the New Year.

One important hint to every gift buyer.

You know the old saying that it is the thought behind the gift that counts. How often that truth is misinterpreted and become a "treasured possession."

pretended to mean that any gift will do. No. Where is the thought behind the Christmas present obviously bought in the last minute rush and posted too late to arrive in time?

The best days of all for gift buying are those of the coming week when you have the widest pick and can make a leisurely selection with no scramble to mar the pleasure of it all.

SUGGESTIONS CLOSE AT HAND

And the best time for reflection is to-day, when you should be able to find a few spare minutes to sit down quietly with pencil and paper and make a list of all the people to whom you would like to give a Christmas present.

Almost everyone throughout the country will, in fact, be doing this. If there is anything in mental telepathy the ether will be full of bright ideas. So put yourself in a right good generous frame of mind and "tune in."

But do not overlook the helpful suggestions that are placed before your very eyes in this page.

Here you will see how easy it really is to depart from the more conventional form of Christmas gifts and select something a little out of the ordinary and likely to be a great deal more appreciated, especially if it is the type of article likely to last.

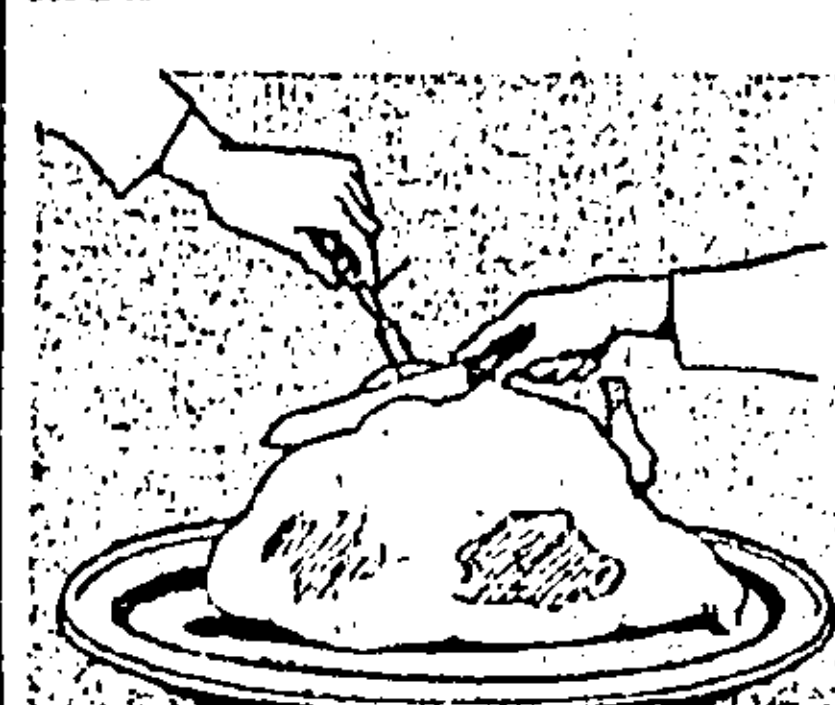
TURKEY—WITHOUT TEARS

Here Are Eight Rules For Carving The Turkey

1. SERVE THE TURKEY ON A LARGE DISH AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, CARVE IT FROM A SEPARATE TABLE.

2. USE A WELL-SHARPENED CARVING KNIFE AND A CARVING FORK.

3. PLACE THE TURKEY SO THAT THE NECK IS TO YOUR LEFT AND THE "TAIL" TO YOUR RIGHT.

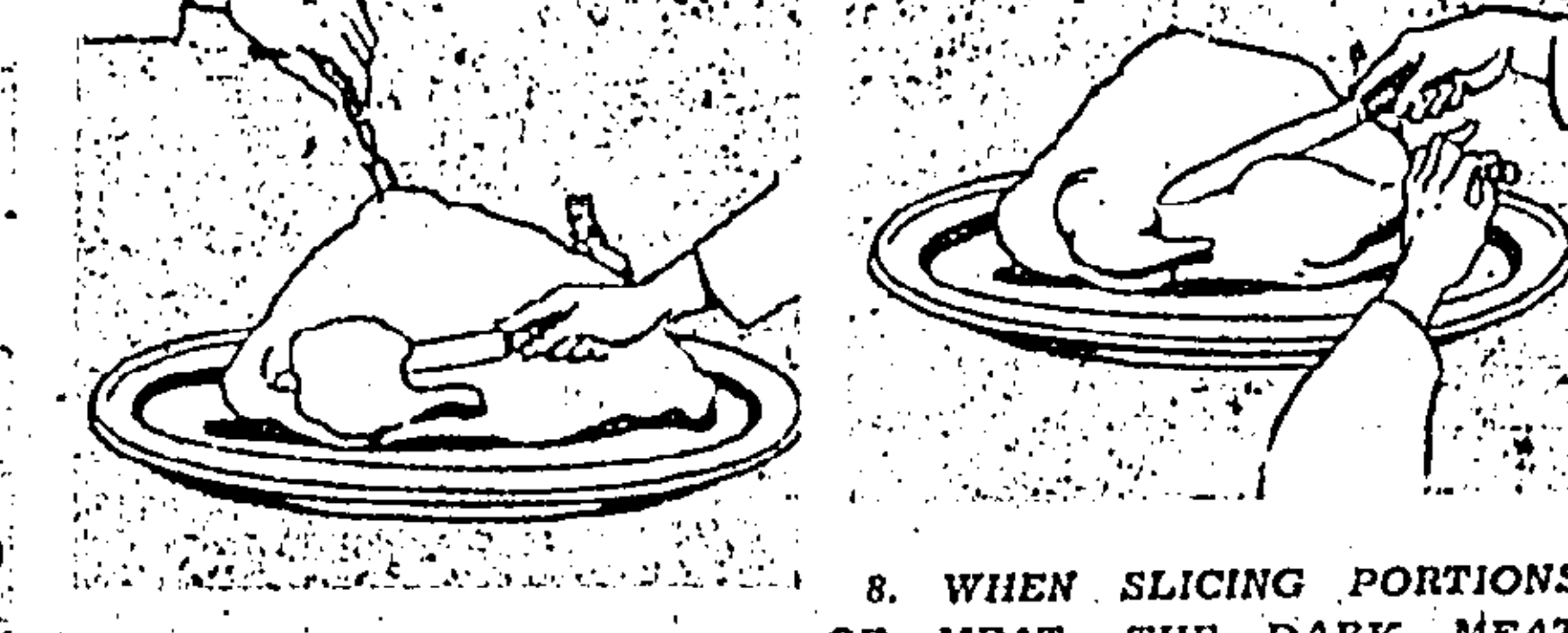


4. START CARVING ON THE SIDE FACING YOU. CUT ONE LEG WORKING FROM THE EDGE OF THE BODY, GENTLY FORC-

5. NOW THE WING. INSERT THE FORK ACROSS THE TOP OF THE BREASTBONE, WITHOUT TEARING THE BREAST MEAT, AND SHARPLY SEVER THE WING FROM THE BODY WITH THE KNIFE.

6. REPLACE THE FORK OVER THE TOP OF THE BREASTBONE, AND START TO CARVE THE THICKLY THAN THE WHITE AND THINLY THAN THE DARK MEAT.

7. HAVING CARVED PRACTICALLY ALL THE MEAT FROM ONE SIDE OF THE BODY, PLACE A SERVING OF STUFFING WITH THE MEAT ON EACH PLATE.



8. WHEN SLICING PORTIONS OF MEAT, THE DARK MEAT SHOULD BE CARVED MORE THICKLY THAN THE WHITE AND THINLY THAN THE DARK MEAT.



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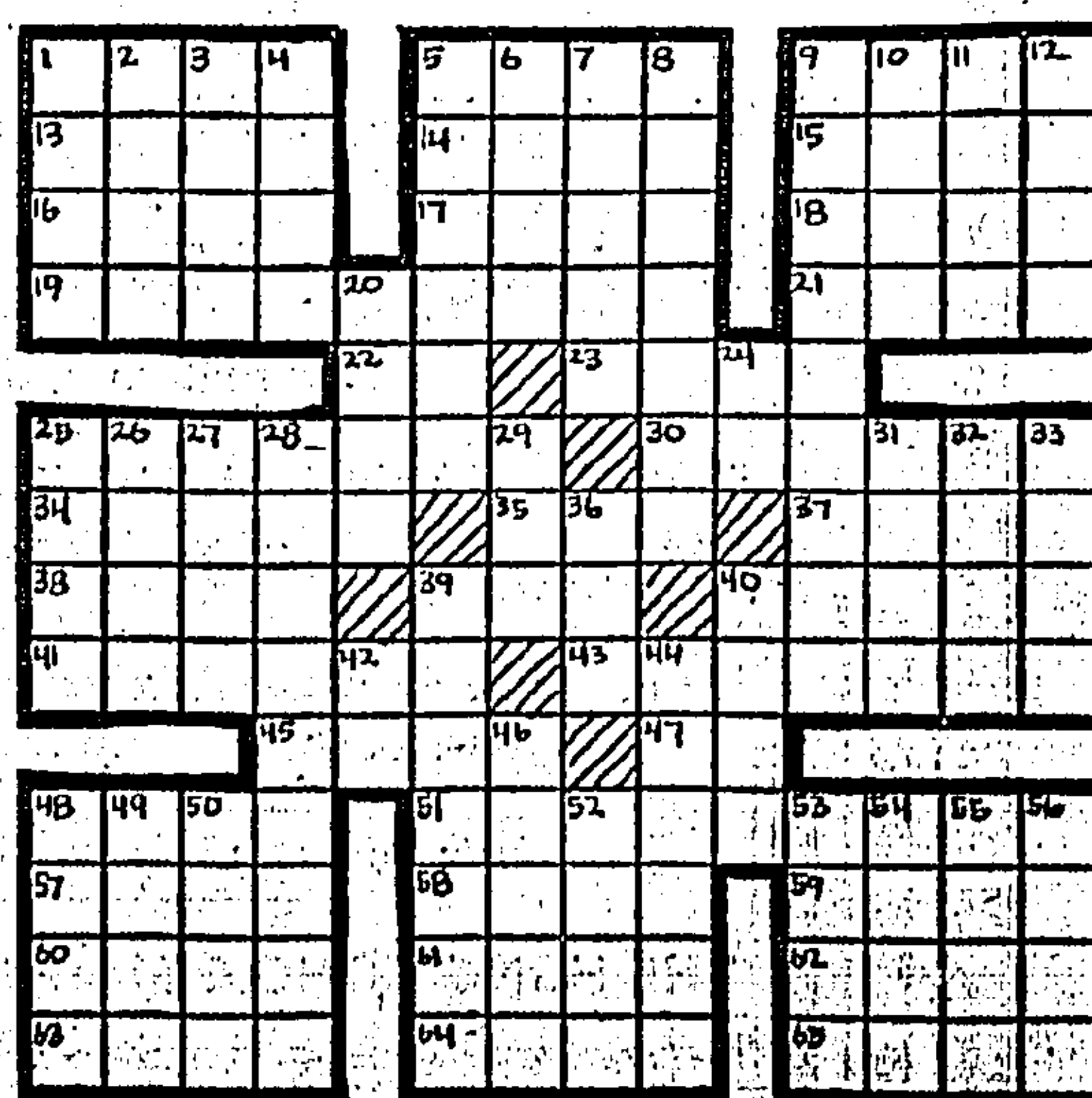
- 1—Microbe
- 2—Eccentric pieces of machinery
- 3—American fraternal order
- 4—To shelter side
- 5—Man's name
- 6—Fruit of pine
- 7—Of large extent
- 8—Baseball team
- 9—Common black bird
- 10—Church, as idea
- 11—Metric measure
- 12—Arithmetic middle
- 13—Portion of book
- 14—Coated, as disk
- 15—Portentous
- 16—English cathedral
- 17—Wander
- 18—Follow orders
- 19—Parish
- 20—Cloth of day after
- 21—Delightful (slang)
- 22—Scrollwork
- 23—District of Maui, Hawaii
- 24—God (Hebrew)
- 25—Roman emperor
- 26—Extreme admiration
- 27—God of love
- 28—Make stupid
- 29—Employed
- 30—Cook in opposition

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Metal
2—Starts at
3—U. S. coin
4—Narrow opening

DOWN

- 1—Repose
- 2—Boundary-line
- 3—Midlife
- 4—Operatic song
- 5—Hillocks (mountain)
- 6—Panorama
- 7—Rotating center
- 8—Freezing
- 9—Interminable
- 10—Jury with bread
- 11—Speed
- 12—Parrot
- 13—George Russell's pseudonym
- 14—Dont's piece of meat
- 15—Closeness of youth
- 16—Mental disease
- 17—Region
- 18—Brazilian coin
- 19—Musical sound
- 20—At any time
- 21—Refuse to grant
- 22—Medicine
- 23—Producing motion
- 24—Excitement
- 25—Italy in opposition
- 26—Worship
- 27—Man's name
- 28—Sea-animal
- 29—Decays
- 30—Over and touching
- 31—Things that blind
- 32—Chivalrous person
- 33—Dutiful substitute
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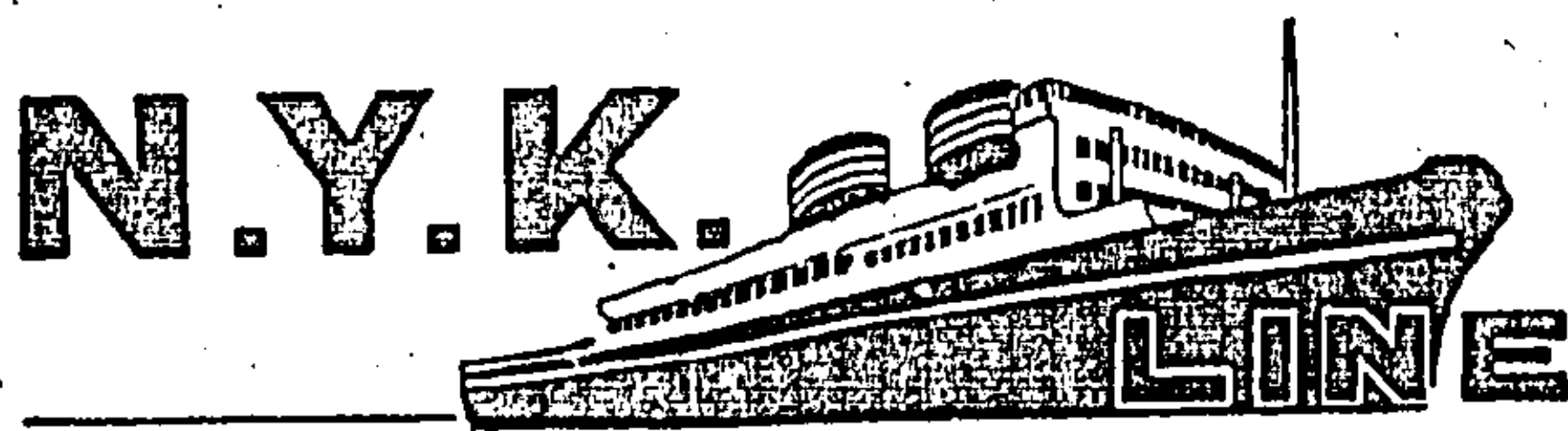
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Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, K.C.M.G., British Ambassador to China, was guest of honour at the weekly dinner of the Royal Air Force Association in Shanghai recently. Sir Victor, President of the Association is here seen welcoming Sir Archibald, who is seen smiling at the left.

Breach Action Withdrawn

Plaintiff Does Not
Proceed With Case

When the breach of promise
case instituted by Molly Cheung
came up before Mr. Justice R. E.
Lindell in the Summary Court
this morning, the prosecuting
solicitor applied for a withdrawal
of the case.

Plaintiff claimed \$1,000 damages,
alleging failure on the part of de-
fendant to carry out a promise to
marry her following the birth of a
child.

Mr. M. A. da Silva acted for plain-
tiff and Mr. F. E. Nash for defend-
ant. Previously, Mr. da Silva said
the case was founded on three promises
of marriage dating back to May,
1937.

This morning Mr. Silva addressed
His Lordship: I have instructions
from my client that this matter has
been settled and to apply for a with-
drawal of this case. There will be
no order for costs.

His Lordship: You merely wish
me to record settlement?

Mr. Nash: Withdrawn, my Lord.

His Lordship: Very good. With-
drawn and no order for costs.

Nazi Finance Setback

Capital Reserves Now
Nearly Exhausted

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).
—A special commentary issued
to-day states that the "Econ-
omist" draws attention to the
vast increase in private capital
issues in Germany since the out-
break of war.

The total industrial capital issues
since the end of August considerably
exceed 600,000,000 marks for railways
whereas in the whole of 1938, private
industrial issues only amounted to
107,000,000 marks.

The "Economist" comments that
these developments are very impor-
tant, showing

Exhausted Reserves
1.—That the existing reserve ca-
pacity of German industry is almost
entirely exhausted, especially that of
the electricity industry, railway and
rolling stock. Renewals, replace-
ments and extensions are so long
delayed that it is now unavoidable
to divert extensive resources to the
large scale capital works;

2.—That the controlled policy of
direct State financing of necessary
industrial projects has been abandon-
ed.

Nazi extremists are thus defeated
and the capital of the nation is freed
for private industrialists.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Blonde" (King's): Homely enter-
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llent performance by Charles Boyer,
Irene Dunne and Barbara O'Neil.

OUR "Secret Weapon"

Moral Power Of
Good Intentions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).
—A striking tribute to the work
of the Navy and merchant sea-
men was paid by Lord Chatfield,
Minister for the Co-ordination
of Defence, speaking in London
to-day.

Lord Chatfield said that Germany
was trusting not to her army to break
the Maginot Line or to her air force
to terrify the people of these islands;
she was trusting to blockade us into
surrender by the illegal use of the
submarine and mine.

Going To Fall Again

She was going to fall once more.
"For this, we have to be grateful
to two things—refusal of our mer-
chant seamen to be covered by brut-
ality, and the fighting efficiency of
our Navy."

Referring to the "devoted scientists
and the technical Navy officers, who
in combination, have produced the
anti-submarine and other weapons
the Navy is 'welding to-day,'" Lord
Chatfield said that a child swimming
in shark-infested waters was in no
more unpleasant position than a sub-
marine approaching British shores to-
day.

Foundations Of Victory

"By defeating the efforts of the
enemy to stop the use of the sea
by the merchantmen of all countries,
we are laying the foundations of
victory, and so we shall ensure the
safe conduct by the Allies of all
their military operations."

Lord Chatfield added that it ever
there had been the cause of right
against wrong, and of good intention
against evil intention, surely that was
our cause to-day.

That was "our secret weapon"—
the incalculable advantage we pos-
sessed over our enemy, a weapon that
Germany has denied and one which
she cannot counter or use against us.

"Ministry For The Succour
Of Britain"

Lord Chatfield, who is the Minister
for the Co-ordination of Defence,
also spoke about the work of his de-
partment.

He admitted that he was not well-
known to the general public and that
the Ministry is "almost equally an
enigma."

Only a day or so ago, he received
a letter addressed to the "Ministry
for the Succour of Britain."

He passed it on to—well, he passed
it on.

The Ministry, he said, was con-
cerned with collaboration of strategy
and politics.

Close Collaboration

There is now such a collaboration
through the War Cabinet which sits
almost daily.

Before the war they were in close
touch with France, so that when war
started they had a Supreme War
Council ready to operate instead of
taking three years needed during the
Great War.

Working in Anglo-French staffs
working in Whitehall, that the war
was not started yet." This, he said,
was not the view of the soldiers.

Germany is trusting in illegal war
at sea but "it will fail."

Halifax Entertained

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The
Spanish Ambassador entertained
Lord Halifax at luncheon to-day.
The guests included the Belgian
and Turkish Ambassadors.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 14,
(Dome).—The Swedish Govern-
ment has officially announced its
decision to help Finland in the
latter's resistance to Soviet ag-
gression.

An official statement to this
effect declares:

"The ordeal which Finland is
now experiencing is deeply mov-
ing both to the Swedish Govern-
ment and the Swedish people.

"We are determined to extend
material and personnel assistance to
Finland."

"In order to cope with the national
emergency, the Government has de-
cided to strengthen its national de-
fences."

"The security of our frontiers will
be defended against any aggression.
The people of Sweden are urged
to temper their speech and action in
order not to prejudice any action
their Government may take."

Cabinet Declaration

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—
M. P. A. Hansson's new Cabinet, in a
declaration of policy, states that
Sweden will maintain her indepen-
dence and neutrality, including
collaboration with those other states
unhindered by alliances with the
object of preserving the common
interests of neutrals.

Sweden will also extend co-opera-
tion among northern states.

The Government shares the general
desire to furnish humanitarian and
material help to Finland.

Swedes Not Fully Satisfied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13 (Reuter).
—There is some criticism in the
Swedish press of the new Coalition Government
formed by Premier Hansson.

The "Tidningen" says that it is a
clever move to cover up the differ-
ences of opinion between Premier
Hansson and his Foreign Minister,
M. Sandler (who is no longer in the
Government).

Many Disappointed

The "Dagens Nyheter" says that
many are disappointed that the de-
mand for direct intervention in
Finland finds no expression in the
policy of the new government.

It should be clear that M. Sandler's
departure has no connections with
German press attacks.

The Government statement notes
the wishes of Sweden to help Fin-
land, but puts forward the defence
of neutrality as one of the pre-
dominant interests of the new cabinet.

Badminton

King's College
Beat K.C.C. In
"B" Division

King's College met the Kowloon
Cricket Club in a "B" Division fixture
of the Badminton League yester-
day and won by 7 sets to 2.

The scores were:
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)
beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter
Blyth 21-7; beat T. C. Kavan and
T. A. Madar 21-8; beat E. Curtis and
A. Zimmerman 21-5.

K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's) lost
to Fisher and Wynter Blyth 14-21;
lost to Kavan and Madar 13-21;
beat Curtis and Zimmerman 21-3.

S. P. Chan and W. M. Cheung
(King's) beat Fisher and Wynter
Blyth 21-14; beat Kavan and Madar
21-8; beat Curtis and Zimmerman 21-2.



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able goods are examined by the
Company's Surveyors.

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Agent.

THE 5TH A. A. HAS ITS BAPTISM

(Continued from Page 5.)

scopes in the height-finder and
predictor.

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THERE is little need to dwell
on the routine of Camp. It
is well known to most people by
now, but in the 5th A. A. Bat-
tery, from the Battery Comman-
der down to the lowest Gunner,
there was a pleasant atmosphere
of camaraderie. We were only
eighty strong. We messed to-
gether, and there was only one
canteen. Never for one moment
was there any overwhelming feel-
ing of inferiority.

Our Sergeant Major, S. M.
Beddow, and our "Quarter-
Bloke," as Q.M.S. Dudman was
affectionately termed by our
genial M.O., Capt. Selby, were
not the irascible martinet that
civilians are led to believe that
such officers are. They were,
actually, quite the reverse, for
no matter how many little items
of Camp duty they had on their
hands, and there were quite a
considerable number, there was
always a genial word of advice
for the enquirers.

There were the usual mur-
murs about food, but still it was
put away in enormous quantities.
The Orderly Officer's duty was
a mere formality. The greatest
need was for a bath. The weath-
er was with us on this occa-
sion, and Shek-O beach was at
our doorstep, but there were yet
a number who could not be
tempted into the sea, and who
consequently spent a bath-less
week.

We transferred from ground
sheets to camp beds following
the discovery of several eight-
or-nine-inch centipedes in the
sand, while mosquitoes did not
make an appearance until late
in the week, when it was too late
for them to do any damage, but
I can still taste the quinine!

Stabbed by an unknown man in
Reclamation Street yesterday, Tung
Kwan, 23, living in the same street,
was admitted to the Kowloon Hos-
pital suffering from a wound in the
back.

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2.15 Close down.
2.45 Studio—Children's Hour.
3.45 Some Welsh Songs—The
Frailty of Life, The Blacksmith's
Song, William Edwards, The Little
thatched cottage, David of the White
Rock, Lella Megane.

6.58 Closing local Stock Quota-
tions.

7.30 Half an hour of Dance Music.
—Vid Lite To See Simon of Simon,
Lonely Traubadour, Say The Word
and It's Yours, When The Leaves Fall
The Trees Goodbye, Bugle Call Rag,
Tiger Rag, Star Dust Covered Bundle,
Twilight, Jingle Bells, You Were
There.

7.50 London Relay—The News.
8.00 Local Signals, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Glazounov—Slovak Rhapsody,
—Orchestra of the Brussels Royal
Conservatoire.

8.17 Studio—A Bach and Elgar
Programme by Peter Gracie (Piano).

8.45 Studio—Talk on "An Eng-
lishman's Impressions of Chungking".

9.05 Songs by Keith Falkner
(Baritone).—A Song Doesn't Care,
Without The Moon, San Diego Betty.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.30 B.B.C. Recording—"Victorian
Melodies"—Musical Sequence of Old
Favourites. Produced and conducted
by Stanford Robinson.

10.30 London Relay—"The Ma-
ginot Line"—A feature programme
of troops on the Western Front.

11.0 London Relay—"Background
to News."

11.15 Close down.

Big Netherlands Loan Soon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
THE HAGUE, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—
The Prime Minister announced in the
Senate to-day that the Netherlands
four per cent. Defence Loan of 300-
000,000 guilders will be issued on
December 19 at par, maturing in 40
years.

A total of 60,000,000 guilders is al-
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Monetary War In Full Swing

Allies' Advantages Recapitulated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—"If the monetary war is to be a full swing," said M. Paul Reynaud, the French Finance Minister, addressing the Chamber today.

He added: "The democracies will win, but only at the price of sacrifices, of which they perhaps have no idea as yet."

But compared with Germany, the sacrifices asked of the French are moderate.

A Sign For The Future

Dealing with Government measures regarding foreign exchange, M. Reynaud stated that since the beginning of the war, 34 milliard francs had been repatriated and the Exchange Equalization Fund, despite huge purchases abroad, was higher than at the beginning of the war.

Emphasising the huge resources of the Allies, M. Reynaud asked: "Ought we not to make a real partnership for this great common adventure of war and even think of prolonging it after the war, so that it might be the starting point for a reconstruction eagerly expected by Europe?"

CHINA LIGHT PROFIT Annual Report Reveals Prosperous Year

The report of the Directors of the China Light and Power Company, Ltd. for the year ended September 30, to be presented at the 21st. ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders at St. George's Building on December 22, states that profit on working account amounts to \$2,045,551. The net profit after deducting transfer fees and allowing for Directors' and Auditors' fees and depreciation is \$1,130,616. With \$104,008 brought forward from last year, there is \$1,234,624 available for appropriation, less \$60,000, being the amount written off the late General Managers' Rights.

The Directors recommend the declaration of a dividend of 60 cents per share on the Old shares and proportionate amounts on the 1939 issue shares, absorbing about \$1,063,485. It is proposed to transfer \$25,000 to contingency reserve and carry forward the balance, amounting to about \$2,181.

The retiring Directors are Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. J. P. Braga, who offer themselves for re-election.

LATE NEWS

Air Fight Over North Sea

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that two aircraft of the Coastal Command on Wednesday encountered and attacked two Dornier flying boats in the North Sea.

Both the enemy rear gunners were hit and both enemy aircraft damaged by machine-gun fire before disappearing in the clouds.

Two Nazi Victims Of Submarine

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that in the North Sea the same submarine that sighted the Bremen has sunk a U-boat and torpedoed a cruiser.

It also states that the Depthford was torpedoed by a U-boat in Norwegian territorial waters—the third case in a few days of violation of Norwegian neutrality by Germany.

Fighting German Mine-Layers

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—It is understood that the security patrol of anti-German mine-laying aircraft is being carried out by long-range powerfully armed bombers which, it is understood, easily repulsed German machines which attempted to bent off the raid on Heligoland.

COMMUNAL RIOTS

One Dead And 115 Injured

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—One life has been lost as a result of Monday's communal rioting at Jubbulpore, in central India. One hundred and fifteen persons were injured.

A German news agency put out the list of dead as "over one hundred."

Among other wild statements emanating from Zeezon (the Berlin short-wave broadcast station) are allegations regarding working conditions for women, etc.

Women, said Zeezon last night, work twelve hours a day in coal mines. In actual fact, women are not permitted to work underground.

Mr. Jinnah's Statement

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Jinnah, leader of the All-India Muslim League, who is involved in an acute issue with Gandhi at the moment, to-day issued a long statement in which he demanded that the Royal Commission should examine the treatment of minorities in India by the Congress Ministries.

Wants Royal Commission

BOMBAY, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the Allied Muslim League, in a lengthy statement reiterating the charges against Congress Ministries in connection with their treatment of minorities, has demanded the appointment of a Royal Commission by the British Government.

This, he added, should be composed of a purely judicial personnel with High Court judges under the chairmanship of one of the Law Lords of the Privy Council.

Successful Convoying

Achievements Of The British System

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Authoritative circles in London emphasise the efficiency and wide extent of the British convoy system, which gives the protection of powerful units of the British Navy to neutral merchant vessels trading with Britain.

The safe arrival of hundreds of convoyed vessels does not constitute news, precisely because it is not sensational evidence of the strength of the British Navy, but only the normal process of international trade.

Absurd Assertion

The recent sinkings of British and neutral vessels, on the contrary, are of sensational news value used by German propaganda in an attempt to prove that the convoy system is not safe for neutrals, whereas neutral ship-owners, whose ships arrive safely week after week, know this assertion to be absurd.

Neutrals charter their ships to the British Government to travel in convoy because it is easier for German submarines to torpedo unaccompanied ships than to attack a convoy and risking depth charges from the escorting vessels.

Belgian Trade Recovers

Political Situation Brings Relief

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (UP).—The easing of the political situation in Belgium has been accompanied by an improvement in deliveries of Belgian products to neutral countries as a result of the speeding up of rail and shipping facilities.

Deliveries against orders placed before the outbreak of war are being worked off fairly rapidly, and the fresh demand for metal is clamorous.

Two Problems Remain

Two problems are not yet finally solved—the shortage of ore supplies and shortage of labour due to the mobilisation of more than 500,000 men.

The home demand for ore has expanded, but owing to defence orders which receive priority, the orders from private consumers are rationed. The best buyers are coal mines and engineering shops. Premiums of 20 francs per ton, or more, are being paid, especially for merchant bars.

The export market demand, particularly from Holland, Sweden and Portugal, is ten times as heavy as can be supplied. South America is showing interest, but is discouraged by the high prices.

Nazi Wheat Rotting

New Food Problem Presents Itself

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The "Daily Telegraph's" Trieste correspondent reports that the effects of the blockade and the Russian failure to deliver even one-fifth of the grain supplies promised have compelled Germany to resort to her grain reserves earlier than expected.

The stocks stored in churches, synagogues and emergency warehouses are found to be in a very bad condition.

The depots at Hamburg, Berlin and Nuremberg are so bad that an investigation has been ordered throughout the country.

10% Of Stocks Affected

It is revealed that 10 per cent. of the emergency stocks are affected. All the grain has been stored more than six months. Therefore it is being handed out before it becomes wholly unfit for consumption.

Hence the decision of the Government order that bread must contain a minimum three per cent. of potato and flour.

The German public, however, is being told that the extra supplies are due to the fact that the warehouses are overflowing.

Spain-Portugal Trade Treaty

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MADRID, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Spain has signed a commercial treaty with Portugal designed to increase the trade between the two countries.

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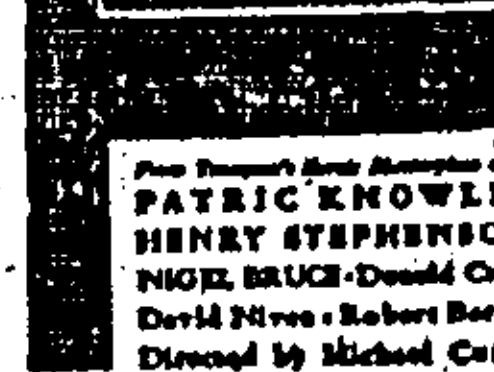
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